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FIRST SESSION,

HELD IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, JUNE 12–15, 1861.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1861—MORNING.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., Prof. A. D. Bache, Prof. W. Gibbs, Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Dr. R. C. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. S. G. Howe, Col. G. W. Cullum, U. S. A.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bellows. Prof. Bache was appointed Chairman.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Bellows was unanimously elected President of the Commission.

On motion, Dr. Elisha Harris was unanimously elected a member of the Commission.

On motion, Dr. C. R. Agnew was unanimously elected a member of the Commission.

On motion, the Commission adjourned for an hour, for the purpose of informal discussion. Upon re-organization, the President gave a detailed account of the objects of the Commission and of its history, and the circumstances accompanying its confirmation by the Secretary of War. The President then read the authorization of the Secretary of War establishing the Commission, and defining its objects. On motion, this was read a second time.

The President then read, section by section, a scheme of a proposed organization for the Commission, which he had previously drawn up for the consideration of the Commis-

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sion. Various alterations were suggested in this paper by members; and, on motion, the paper was adopted as the basis of organization, and laid over until the next meeting for further consideration.

Adjourned until 8½ p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1861—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8½ p. m.

On motion, it was resolved that the scheme of organization presented at the morning meeting, and revised at that meeting, be finally adopted, and presented to the Secretary of War for his signature.

It was ordered, that the scheme of organization, as revised and corrected, be printed for convenience of reference.

It was resolved, that the hours of meeting be from 12 m. to 3 p. m., and from 8½ to 10½ p. m.

Resolved, That the President nominate at the next meeting the committees named in the plan of organization.

A letter was read from a dentist, offering his services to the army, and asking support. The letter was placed on file.

After much general discussion, the Commission adjourned to Thursday noon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1861.

The Commission met and proceeded in a body to the office of the Secretary of War, when the Secretary received the Commission, and affixed his signature to the proposed plan of organization. The Commission then proceeded to the President of the United States, who also approved the scheme of organization in writing. The Commission adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1861—EVENING.

The Commission met at 9 p. m. The President read a report recommending the formation and arrangement of the committees provided for in the plan of organization. The suggestions of the report were considered one by one, and the committees named were then, on motion, formally appointed.

On motion, Mr. George T. Strong was unanimously elected a member of the Commission.

On motion, Mr. Strong was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Commission.

On motion, it was resolved that Mr. Strong be placed upon Committee C.

A letter was read from Prof. Henry, recommending Dr. Newberry as a member of the Commission.

On motion, a committee, consisting of the President, Prof. Bache, and Dr. Van Buren, was appointed to report upon the subject of the office of Secretary, and all matters pertaining to it.

It was ordered, on motion, that the documents, numbers 2 and 3, be printed for the use of the Commission.

Adjourned to meet at 11 a. m., Friday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1861—MORNING.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Dr. J. S. Newberry, of Cleveland, Ohio, was unanimously elected a member of the Commission.

On motion, the question of appointing Associate and Corresponding Members of the Commission was referred to sub-Committee B, to report at the meeting in New York.

On motion, Prof. Bache was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Commission.

The Committee on appointment of Secretaries reported in favor of appointing a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to reside in Washington, until a Resident Secretary shall be appointed, and that the question of the selection of a Resident Secretary be left to the New York members.

On motion, Dr. Elisha Harris, of New York, was unanimously elected Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Commission, and directed to reside in Washington city until relieved by a Resident Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary was directed to apply to the Government for a room and the necessary conveniences, and to have the room duly marked, "Sanitary Commission," and the place of it duly advertised. Also, that he attend to the printing of the Documents ordered by the Commission; to the procuring and printing of proper stationery, marked, "Sanitary Commission, Washington." It was also directed that he be the receiver of all stores, &c., that shall be committed to the care of the Commission by benevolent persons or associations, and that public notice be given that all such associations and persons may forward to the care of the Commission such voluntary supplies.

A suggestion in relation to Miss Dix and nurses was laid upon the table.

On motion, the subject of the appointment and designation of a Resident Secretary for Washington was referred to the President in council with the Committee on Inquiry, and that Messrs. E. E. Hale, and F. L. Olmsted be considered as candidates.

On motion, it was resolved that when the Commission adjourned this evening, it adjourn to meet in the city of New York on Thursday next, at the house of the President, at 12 o'clock.

The subject of advising the establishment of General Military Hospitals for convalescents at certain central points, adapted to accommodate the various departments of the

army, was fully discussed, and was finally referred to Drs. Van Buren and Agnew for such investigations as may enable them to report upon the subject, or give judicious counsel upon the same at the next meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary was directed to invite Mr. Jas. M. Sanderson to visit the Commission at their session this evening, for the purpose of receiving communications from him, and advising with him, on the subject of Regimental Cuisine.

Meeting adjourned to convene again at 8½ p. m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1861—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8½ p. m.

Present—All the members of the Board and Jas. M. Sanderson, Esq. The discussion of the President's Report was resumed, and Major Shiras was invited to give a detailed statement of the condition and management of the U. S. Army Commissariat Department, the daily routine of action, camp life in the Regular Army, and the experience and practices of Volunteer Troops, in regard to discipline, administration of the Regimental Subsistence Department, the peculiarities and difficulties experienced by volunteer companies of troops, together with such suggestions as he was pleased to make for their improvement, and for the guidance of the Commission's labors. Major Shiras entered into these questions very fully, and expressed his conviction that improvement in the preparation, care, and partaking of food would be a grand desideratum in the Volunteer Regiments. He stated that probably there never had been gathered in any country such excellent material for an army, but that it needed measures for improved military discipline and better Sanitary regulations. He expressed his confidence in the ability of such a Commission as this to accomplish grand results towards such improvements.

In compliance with an invitation, Mr. Sanderson then

presented to the Commission his views on the subject of the Regimental Cuisine of the Volunteers, and his plans for its improvement. He also read the communication he had prepared to present to the Secretary of War on this subject.

After discussing the questions thus raised, the Commission adjourned to meet in the city of New York at noon, June 20, 1861.

SECOND SESSION.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, at the residence of the President, in the city of New York, June 20, 1861, at noon.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, Prof. H. D. Bache, Prof. W. Gibbs, Dr. C. R. Agnew, G. T. Strong, and Dr. E. Harris.

An informal statement was made by the President, relating to the results of his inquiries on the subject of the selection of a Resident Secretary. On statements made by F. L. Olmsted, the President of Central Park recommended that he have a temporary leave of absence from the Central Park, for the purpose of serving the Commission as a Resident Secretary for this body in Washington.

On motion, the Commission agreed to go into an election; and Mr. Olmsted was elected Resident Secretary.

The President then presented a Document addressed to the citizens of the United States. The Document, as revised, was approved, and ordered to be published by the Treasurer and Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary was directed to use proper efforts to secure the publication of Documents Nos. 2 and 3, in the daily papers, at the earliest practicable time.

On motion, Mr. James M. Sanderson was invited to present to the Commission a further statement of his plans, and to suggest modes for improving regimental cooking.

That gentleman came before the Commission, and presented the model of cooking range, and gave a statement of his opinion as to its utility.

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Dr. Agnew suggested that Mr. Sanderson be immediately commissioned by this Body, to go from Regiment to Regiment and from place to place, as a "Missionary Cook," to improve the cuisine of the Volunteer Regiments.

On motion of Mr. Strong, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Sanderson be invited to undertake such an experiment in some regimental camp near the city of New York, or at Washington.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at the residence of its President, Friday, at noon.

FRIDAY, NOON, JUNE 21.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Drs. Van Buren, Agnew, Gibbs, Newberry, Harris, Mr. Olmsted, and Mr. Strong.

The Agent of , of New York, presented specimens of Extract of Coffee: referred to Committee C, to report on Saturday.

The Soldiers' portable bed was exhibited and tested: report promised.

Mr. Sanderson was commissioned to make his initiatory experiments.

The President laid before the Commission the subject of funds, and the requisite means for securing a sufficient amount for the necessary expenses of the Commission; and, as one means to the end, he proposed that a communication should be addressed to the several Life Insurance Companies in the United States, inviting their aid in efforts to sustain the treasury of the Commission.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to see the Presidents of such Companies as could be found in this city, and lay the subject before them.

The President read a form of an announcement of the appointment of Associate Members of the Commission, to be

addressed to them individually; which was, by vote, approved.

The Special Committee on General Hospitals presented a report, recommending the establishment of two General Hospitals, capable, each, of accommodating 1,000 or more patients. The report was accepted. The Secretaries were instructed to present the report to the Secretary of War, through the Medical Bureau.

Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Gibbs were appointed a Committee to consider the subject of issuing a manual of plain directions for the preservation of health, for the common soldier.

On motion, it was ordered, that

Whereas instances of great suffering from the exposure of troops arriving at Washington have come to the knowledge of the Sanitary Commission,

Resolved, That the Commission recommend to the War Department to immediately provide temporary accommodations, near the Railroad Station at Washington, for the use of troops arriving and departing.

The President urged the sending of some of the Commission to inspect the camps near Washington, and at Fortress Monroe; also an agent to Fort Pickens.

The President also announced his readiness to immediately visit Cairo and the camps at the West, in association with Dr. Newberry.

On motion of Dr. Gibbs, the President and Dr. Newberry were appointed a committee to visit and inspect the camps in Ohio and Illinois.

On motion of Mr. Strong, Dr. Bache, Dr. Wood, and the two Secretaries were appointed to visit and inspect Fortress Monroe, and all camps, hospitals, and forts at Annapolis, and Washington, and in Eastern Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Strong, the members of the Commission resident at New York were requested to visit the camps near New York.

Dr. Newberry was appointed by the President to Committee E and Committee C.

The President then read a letter from Hon. J. A. Arnold, M. C., communicating a suggestion that a member should be added to the Commission from the Valley of the Mississippi. It was determined that the President should reply, informing Mr. Arnold of the appointment of Dr. Newberry, which it was presumed he had not been informed of when the letter was written.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Drs. Van Buren, Agnew, Newberry, Gibbs, Harris, Mr. Strong, and Mr. Olmsted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the Sanitary Commission be instructed to inquire of the Secretary of the Treasury whether some system cannot be adopted by which the soldiers can secure their pay, at their option, in gold and silver, or by allotment, to be transmitted to their families; and that they use all diligence in showing the moral bearing of such a measure on the health of the troops, and the comfort and self-respect of their households.

A communication was received from Abram S. Hewett, in reply to inquiries from the President, respecting the location and occupation of the United States Marine Hospital. The letter was referred to the Resident Secretary, and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the existence of many commodious Marine Hospitals, now very little in use, offers a natural and ready resource for the Government in any lack of Military Hospital room, and that the conversion of those spare beds to military uses is suggested to the immediate consideration of the United States authorities.

The question of recommending to the Government the supplying of butter rations was brought up by various mem-

bers of the Commission, and, after discussion, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Resident Secretary suggest to the Government the desirableness and practicability of furnishing butter as a ration, in place of its equivalent value in other articles, at all places where regular and rapid communication by water or rail exists, and that the detail of a plan to this end be drawn up to accompany the suggestion.

On motion of Mr. Strong, the subject of advising the preparation of suitable barracks in or near the city of Washington was taken up, and a free discussion of the utility of such barracks was had, but no resolution of action was taken in reference to the subject.

After agreeing upon plans for visiting various departments of the army by different members of the Commission, the following action was had upon the question of time and place of next meeting:

Resolved, That when this Commission adjourns it be to meet in the city of Washington, at the rooms of the Commission, on Wednesday, July 10, 1861, at 11 a. m.

Adjourned until Saturday at noon.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 22.

The Commission met at noon, pursuant to adjournment, at the former place of meeting.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Prof. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Olmsted, Prof. Van Buren, and Dr. Harris.

After preliminary suggestions upon various subjects, Mr. Robert H. McCurdy appeared before the Commission, and stated his views upon the subject of supplying means for carrying forward the labors and arrangements of the Commission. He expressed his conviction that the Life Insurance Companies would cheerfully respond to an appeal for funds for the uses of the Commission.

The manufacturers of Major Delafield's camp stove presented a model of that stove and its furniture for the examination of the Commissioners. It was not fully approved, though the compactness and portableness of the apparatus were regarded favorably.

The subject of finance was again called up, and, on motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas the professional and scientific character of the Sanitary Commission makes it dependent on the existence of financial committees in various parts of the country, to be composed of business men for the collection of funds,

Resolved, That the following gentlemen, and such others as they may choose to associate with them—viz: Benjamin H. Field, R. B. Minturn, A. T. Stewart, Moses Taylor, R. H. McCurdy, Robert Goodhue, John C. Green, A. A. Low, W. F. Cary, Cyrus W. Field, Jonathan Sturges, Peter Cooper, Robert L. Stuart, who are hereby declared Associate Members of this Commission—be invited to act as a Central Financial Committee, to collect and receive from local committees, and other sources, funds for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission, and to audit its accounts; and that Messrs. Gibbs, Van Buren, Agnew, Strong, and the officers of the Commission, be a special committee to wait on these gentlemen, with explanation of the plans and purposes of the Commission, and with the duty of urging upon them the acceptance of the office hereby assigned them.

It is understood that the Treasurer will make monthly reports to the Committee of all monies received and paid out by him.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Sanderson is hereby requested to apply to the Governor of the State of New York for funds that may be necessary to enable him to proceed to the seat of war, for the purpose of instituting improvement in regimental cooking.

The President presented the form of an appeal to prominent philanthropic citizens for aid in providing funds for the

purposes of the Commission; which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Commissioners.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to communicate with Rev. Geo. Post, Chaplain of the 15th regiment New York Volunteers, and request him to enter into full correspondence and co-operation with the Commission.

On motion, the subject of the cot-bed and stretcher was laid upon the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the question of coffee be continued under investigation.

The matter of camp stoves came up for consideration, and it was resolved, on motion, that the subject be referred to Committee C.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren, Prof. Gibbs, and Dr. Agnew be a committee to prepare and issue a circular letter to the commanding and medical officers of regiments upon the subject of camp police, and that Dr. Harris be requested to procure for the letter such authorization as may be expedient from the Medical Bureau of the War Department.

Dr. Gibbs made inquiries respecting the prevalence of scurvy among our soldiers; and, after referring to some startling statistics in reference to the malady in our army, as published in the American *Medical Times*, the following resolution was introduced and passed:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to inquire into the state of the law respecting anti-scorbutic rations, and whether any law now existing to their prejudice is enforced in the commissariat of the army.

Dr. Newberry submitted suggestions upon the following subjects, viz:

The propriety of asking that the shoulder capes used by the recent organizations, known as the Wide-awakes, should be given to the volunteer soldiers, for their better protection in stormy weather.

2d. That horse power is more economical than unaided human strength, and steam power far more economical than horse power; and may not horse and steam power be resorted to more largely.

3d. Ought not lighter clothing be furnished the soldiers for summer use?

These questions were all referred to Committee C.

After arranging for the division of labors during the ensuing interval of meetings, the Commission adjourned, to meet, as last evening ordered, in the city of Washington, July 10.

THIRD SESSION.

WASHINGTON, JULY 10, 1861.

Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—the President, Prof. Bache, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Prof. Gibbs, the Treasurer, the Corresponding and Resident Secretaries.

The Treasurer's Report was read, showing a balance in hand of $1,428.82.

The Report was accepted.

The Treasurer announced a donation of $1,000 from the New England Life Insurance Company of Boston. The thanks of the Commission were ordered to be presented to the officers of that Company.

The Resident Secretary reported verbally as to his proceedings with reference to the butter ration, and to the subject of allotments of soldiers' pay; also with reference to the reception of soldiers arriving at Washington.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to call upon the Paymaster General, and ascertain from him if, under existing laws, it is practicable for soldiers generally to remit a portion of their pay, in the form of checks, to their families at a distance; and, if this is not possible, what are the objections understood to exist in the mind of the Paymaster General to the enactment of such a provision; and if it shall appear to the Committee that such an arrangement is unprovided for in a proper manner, and that no sufficient objections exist to its being made, that the Committee be requested to lay before the

Commission the draft of a memorial to Congress on the subject.

It was determined that the Committee should be the Committee of the Whole, and it was agreed that at 1½ o'clock, p. m., this day, the Commission will call in a body on the Paymaster General with the subject in hand.

The Resident Secretary presented a Report on the Army near Washington.

Ordered, That this report be printed, or so much of it, and with such additions, as may be judged best by the Secretary.

The President presented a Report on the condition of the Western troops. It was requested that the same be published, with the same conditions as the Resident Secretary's.

The Report of the Sub-Committee on Instructions and Advice to Agents of the Commission was presented by Mr. Strong, and, after careful discussion and revision, it was unanimously adopted, and 500 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Commission.

JULY 10, 8 P. M.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Major Shiras, Dr. R. C. Wood, Prof. Gibbs. Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Mr. Olmsted, and Mr. Strong.

The President read a communication from Prof. Jackson, of Union College, on the subject of the Subsistence and Hygienic wants of the Army, etc. This communication contained no new suggestions, but entirely confirmatory of the operations of the Agents and Members of the Commission.

In the discussion which ensued, Major Shiras explained the difficulties necessarily experienced in provisioning the vast army now gathered in the loyal States.

It was conceded by Major Shiras and the President, that the exigencies of the volunteer forces render it highly desirable that the Commission be clothed with sufficient authority to secure

the faithful administration or execution of the proper rules for the sanitary protection of the soldiers. In respect of the condition of health and disease, it was generally conceded that the volunteers can and should be immediately placed upon the best hygienic basis.

The great importance of improvement in the cooking of the daily rations was next considered, and the following action was taken in reference to the subject:

Resolved, That this Commission take immediate measures to procure the introduction of a suitable clause into the Army Bill to provide for the establishment or employment of a competent cook in every company in the Volunteer Regiments.

On motion, the Report of Mr. Sanderson, on Regimental Cooking, was presented. The report was accepted, and laid upon the table.

The Commission accepted Mr. Sanderson's invitation to take a lunch on desiccated vegetables, on Friday, at half-past 2 o'clock, p. m., opposite Wormley's.

Commission adjourned, to meet on Thursday, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY.

Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, at their Rooms, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Gibbs, Van Buren, Drs. Agnew and Harris, and Messrs. Strong and Olmsted.

The minutes of the meeting of yesterday were read and approved; after which the President stated, that in the advanced state of the Army Bill and the legislation thereon, the Commission would need devote its attention to-day to the questions that particularly interest the Commission in regard to that bill. The President also reported the result of his interview with the Senate Chairman of the Army Bill, and other gentlemen.

It was proposed that the following topics be taken up and discussed *seriatim:*

1st, Allotments, (Payments); 2d, Rations and Cooking;

3d, Franking for Sanitary Documents; 4th, Increased Recognition of Commission; 5th, Inspecting Force; 6th, Intemperance.

First. Allottments. After discussion it was

Resolved, In view of the mischief done to the physical health of the soldiers of the Volunteer Regiments by improvident expenditure of their pay, and of the wants of those dependent on them, who are in danger of becoming a public burthen and creating a vast pauper element in our cities and elsewhere; the danger of war becoming unpopular in consequence, and the prospect of systematic private speculation in the soldiers' pay—

That the Commission earnestly recommend the passage of a law for the issue of treasury notes for the pay of Volunteers, in sums of five dollars and upwards, and that each soldier and non-commissioned officer receive his pay in whole or in part in such treasury notes, at his option. And in case Congress should consider the above scheme impracticable, then that the Commission earnestly and most respectfully commend the subject of the mode of paying the soldiers, to the consideration of Congress, and pray that it will enact such measures as may seem best for the remedy of the evils and dangers above indicated.

On motion, the Commission agreed to view Farnsworth's Army Tent at 2½ p. m., Friday.

The President and Prof. Bache were appointed a committee to wait on the Secretary of the Treasury immediately, and left the room for that purpose.

During their absence Dr. Agnew occupied the chair, and Mr. Sanderson being present, was directed to visit certain Regiments this day, to give advice as to cooking.

The President and Prof. Bache returned, having failed to see the Secretary of the Treasury, and the President resumed the chair.

A message was received from the Medical Director, through Dr. Suckley, whereupon Dr. Little was invited to appear before the Commission, and stated that nurses could not be obtained for the hospitals from the ranks of the volunteers, as required by law, and requesting advice and assistance from the Commission in respect to this difficulty.

The Commission requested Dr. Suckley to arrange an interview with the Medical Director for Friday, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Commission then proceeded to discuss the subject of rations and cooks. Dr. Van Buren made a full statement of the organization and experience of military bodies in respect of cooking. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Commission recommend to the War Department the introduction of pepper.

On motion of Dr. Van Buren, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Commission respectfully, but earnestly, recommend to Congress, as an important means of preserving the health of the Volunteer Regiments, and averting the danger of disease with which all newly organized troops are threatened, to make provision, by law, for the enlistment or selection in each company of a cook, in addition to the detail from the ranks, at present provided for; that said cook receive the pay of a musician, and one ration per day, and be a non-combatant.

A communication from Dr. Geo. F. Suckley, U. S. A., was read, and a copy of the same ordered on file.

It was stated by Dr. Agnew that the Chairman of the Army Bill in the Senate had already received a copy of this communication. The recommendations contained in this communication were made the basis for the discussion of questions connected with the modification of subsistence regulations.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The Commission met at 8 o'clock, p. m., and considered the natures and sources of various evils prevalent among the volunteers in camp. In reference to the prevalence and evils of inebriety, it was

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission respectfully, but most earnestly, recommend to Congress to pass, at once, more stringent regulations against the sale of liquors within the limits of the camps and within a specified distance of the same. In order to preserve memoranda and to afford aid, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to open a complaint book, in which shall be entered all violations of the army regulations, and all other abuses reported by the agents of the

Commission, or by other responsible authorities, and that such complaints be reported from time to time in writing to the General-in-Chief.

On motion, a committee of four, consisting of the President, Dr. Wood, Mr. Strong, and Prof. Bache, was appointed to wait upon the Military Committee of the Senate at 9 o'clock, a. m., Friday, to confer with them, and present them the views of this Commission.

Report of Committee of Inquiry was presented and read by its chairman, Prof. Gibbs. Report of Committee C was presented, by its chairman, Prof. Van Buren. The report was accepted and its suggestions adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commission respectfully suggest to General Mansfield the propriety of an order directing the Commanders of forces encamped near the city of Washington, not to grant leave of absence from camp to more than one-eighth part of their command on the same day, and to give no leave under which men shall be absent from their camps after the hour of 10 o'clock, p. m., or of such general order as in his judgment may seem best adapted to cure the abuses and irregularities that arise from the too liberal granting of leave of absence. Also, that he issue an order forbidding the sale of intoxicating drink in the city of Washington, except by hotels to their boarders, before the hour of one o'clock, p. m.

Dr. Tomes, Mr. Dunning, and Dr. Buel, were approved and appointed as Sanitary Inspectors, to hold office during the pleasure of the Commission. The names and proffers of service as Sanitary Agents for this Commission in the several Departments of the Army, were received.

Dr. Suckley was requested to enter upon the duties of Sanitary Commission in the Department of General McDowell's command, for a time

Adjourned, to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., Friday.

Friday Morning.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Prof. Gibbs, Mr. Strong, and Drs. Van Buren, Agnew, and Harris.

The Committee to confer with the Secretary of the Treasury reported that they had made no progress. Several members made suggestions respecting the preparation of a bill, to be presented to Congress, to define the duties and powers of the Commission.

The Catalogue of Associate Members was revised, and a few names were added.

A vote of thanks was offered to the New York Life Insurance Company for their generous appreciation of the Commission.

In accordance with an invitation, Dr. McLaren, the Medical Director for the Department of Washington, took a seat with the Commission, and freely expressed his views, and presented facts upon the questions affecting the sick, hospitals, hospital funds, etc.

Prof. Van Buren, from Committee C, reported.

Prof. Gibbs, from the Committee of Inquiry, reported for that Committee.

On motion, the Commission resolved to furnish (at the discretion of the Resident Secretary) copies of Tripler's Hand-Book to such military surgeons as the Agents may find specially in need of such a manual. The publishers at Cincinnati were requested by telegraph to inform the Secretary at what price per copy the manual may be furnished.

Friday, 8 o'Clock, P. M.

The Commission met at the Rooms.

Present—The President, Vice President, Dr. Van Buren,

Mr. Strong, Prof. Gibbs, Dr. Wood, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Harris.

The Resident Secretary submitted a number of communications and propositions from various inventors and others, offering improvements and aid for the benefit of the army. A communication on improved army tents (Farnsworth's) was referred to Committee C. Another communication, on Eldridge's tent, from Dr. Clymer, was referred to the same Committee. The communication relating to army shirts, was referred to Committee C.

The same Committee was directed to inquire respecting apparatus for converting salt water into fresh water.

The Treasurer reported $500 from James Lenox, Esq.; and from other sources to-day $190.

Resolved, That copies of the Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors appointed by the Commission be communicated to the Governors of the several States to which the regiments respectively belong.

It is understood that the Secretary of the Commission may exercise his discretion as to the communication of answers believed to be confidential, or specially affecting the character and position of individuals.

The subject of encouraging and facilitating the accumulation and proper disbursements of the military hospital funds—

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Van Buren confer with the Chief of the Commissariat, and communicate to that Department the view of this Commission on the subject of the following communication:

SANITARY COMMISSION, July 12, 1861.

TO THE COMMISSARY GENERAL:

SIR: It having come to the knowledge of the Sanitary Commission, from reliable sources, that the surgeons of the volunteers are unable to get the rations of the sick commuted by the commissaries, and are therefore unable to procure proper food for them, the Sanitary Commission respectfully request of the Commissary Department to take such action as will secure

proper attention to regulations by the commissaries and their rights to the sick.

Respectfully,

FRED. LAW. OLMSTED,
Resident Secretary.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the suggestions of the Surgeon General respecting the employment of nurses, as stated in a letter from the Medical Bureau to the Secretary, be carried out by this Commission, and that Miss Dix be informed of the purpose and wish of the Commission on this subject.

On motion, the Commission resolved to proceed at 8½ o'clock a. m., Saturday, in a body to the rooms of the Military Committee at the Capitol.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday.

SATURDAY.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Prof. Gibbs, Drs. Agnew, Harris, and Van Buren, and Mr. Strong.

The Committee on conference with Congress reported the results of their interview with the Senate Military Committee, and the Commission unanimously decided not to make any personal or unusual efforts for procuring or influencing legislating affecting the Commission.

Committee C reported favorably upon knit specimens of army flannel shirts, as the result of their attention to questions and specimens submitted by the Quartermaster General.

A letter was received from the New England Life Insurance Company, containing a suggestion which was complied with, (viz: the appointment of Dr. J. H. Douglas as an associate member.)

Dr. Van Buren, as a special committee, reported the results of his conference with the officers of the Commissariat, the

Adjutant General, and General Mansfield, respecting the commutation of hospital rations. He found that an order was about being issued by the Adjutant General requiring the Subsistence Department to commute in money for the daily rations of the sick in all General Hospitals.

The following action was taken upon the question of varying and commuting rations:

1st. Whereas, the company fund relied upon by the Regulars for varying their ration is generally unavailable under the circumstances of the Volunteers, therefore, it is recommended that a larger and more varied supply of vegetable food, either fresh or dessicated, be steadily secured to the Volunteers by a new regulation in their favor of the army ration. Passed.

2d. Recommended, that one-eighth of a pound of butter be added to the daily ration, between the 1st of October and the 1st of May, and whenever else it is found practicable.

Dr. Van Buren applied to General Mansfield for advice on the question of extending such commutation to the sick in regimental hospitals. That officer thought that it best not to grant this privilege to regimental surgeons for the sick under their care in camp. The officers conferred with replied to Dr. Van Buren that they would hold the subject under consideration. Dr. Van Buren also ascertained that an order was about being issued to send on paroled soldiers from New York to Washington, to serve as attendants on the sick in the General Hospitals.

After discussing and adjusting minor items of business the Commission adjourned *sine die* to meet at the call of the Secretary or the President.

The President, resident Secretary, Mr. Strong, and Drs. Van Buren and Agnew proceeded via Baltimore to Fortress Monroe and Newport News.

The following resolutions were passed at the close of the session:

Resolved, That the intelligence just received from New York that the New York Life Insurance Company has made a liberal donation to promote the objects, and defray the expenses of the Sanitary Commission, is regarded with much gratitude, and

the Commission hereby express to that Company their hearty thanks for the generous and timely aid thus rendered by the officers of that Company.

2d. That the Central Finance Committee, in the city of New York, for the Sanitary Commission, be authorized to audit all bills and accounts of the Treasurer of this Commission.

3d. That the Sanitary Commission hereby confirm the appointment of Messrs. Samuel J. Ruggles, Christopher R. Robert, Robert B. Minturn, George Opdyke, Jonathan Sturges, Morris Ketchum, William A. Booth, David Hadley, I. P. Girard Foster, and Charles E. Strong as the "Central Finance Committee of the United States Sanitary Commission." They shall meet every Wednesday in the city of New York at one o'clock, p. m., at which meetings the Treasurer of the Commission shall report in writing all its expenditures, appointments, and engagements. Three members attending any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

FOURTH SESSION.

Sanitary Commission met at their rooms, in Washington, July 27.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Maj. Shiras, Col. Cullum, Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Harris.

The minutes of the last session were read, and generally re-approved; and certain points were suggested as being important for further consideration.

Prof. Bache reported that a provision had been introduced into the bill, in accordance with a recommendation of the Commission, directing the Secretary of War to introduce into the Army a system similar to the allotment system in the Navy, or its equivalent, by which the families of volunteers may receive such portion of the soldier's pay as he may request.

Resolved, That Committee C be requested to procure a regulation to meet this case, as early as practicable, from the Secretary of War.

Prof. Bache reported that, in conjunction with the Secretary, he had, as requested by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, introduced certain specifications from the letter of appointments of the Commission by the Secretary of War into the draft of the bill relating to the Sanitary Commission, and struck out the section relating to the franking privilege. The bill had then been copied, and sent to the Chairman of Committee on Military Affairs. Hon. Mr. Wilson stated that opposition was being made to the bill by members of Congress, &c., but he did not state specifically what objection had been made by Congress.

The President reasserted his convictions of the inexpediency of any unusual efforts on the part of this Commission to procure the enactment of laws in their own favor.

The President then laid before the Commission his views of the paramount importance of the questions most directly connected with the causes of the demoralization of the volunteer forces, and the history of the late calamity. He opened a discussion upon the question of certain radical defects in the organization and discipline of the forces. The direct and important bearing of military discipline and system in the forces. Among the statements made, Col. Cullum made a suggestion that General Scott's recent efforts to have introduced into the Army bill a strong provision, designed to insure more efficient discipline, might be regarded as sufficient for these purposes, if regarded by Congress.

Action was taken upon the duty of this Commission in regard to the condition and difficulties of the General Hospital at Fortress Monroe; and an address to the Secretary of War upon that subject was agreed upon.

The Commission adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 a. m.

Monday, July 29.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—The President, Resident and Corresponding Secretaries, Profs. Van Buren and Gibbs, Mr. Strong, and Dr. Agnew.

Minutes were read and approved.

The President presented the draft of a communication which he proposed be forwarded to the military authorities and to the daily newspapers. One of the resolutions having been slightly amended, this communication was approved.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission, in their endeavors to promote temperance, cleanliness, and comfort among the troops, have become convinced that the first sanitary law in

camp and among the soldiers is military discipline: and that, unless this is rigorously asserted and enforced, it is useless to attempt and impossible to effect, by any secondary means, the great end they propose, which is, the health and happiness of the Army.

Resolved, That looking only to the health and comfort of the troops, it is our profound conviction that any special relaxation of military discipline in favor of volunteer troops, based either upon their supposed unwillingness or inability to endure it, or upon the alleged expectation of the public, is a fallacious policy, and fraught with peril to the lives of the men and the success of the national cause; and that speaking in the name of the families, and the communities from which the volunteers came, and in the names of humanity and religion, we implore that the most thorough system of military discipline be carried out with the officers and men of the volunteer force, as the first and essential condition of their health, comfort, and morality.

Resolved, That the health and comfort and efficiency of the men, is mainly dependent on the uninterrupted presence, the personal watchfulness, and the rigid authority of the regimental and company officers, and that all the great defects, whether in the commissariat or in the police of camps, are radically due to the absence of officers from their posts, and to the laxity of the discipline to which they are themselves accustomed, a laxity which would never be tolerated among regulars, and which, while tolerated among our soldiers, will make our force a crowd of armed men rather than an army.

Resolved, That it is the public conviction of this Commission, that the soldiers themselves, in their painful experience of the want of leaders and protectors, would heartily welcome a rigid discipline exerted over themselves and their officers; that the public would hail with joy, the inauguration of a decisive, prompt and rigid rule, extending alike to officers and men, and that any despondency or doubt connected with our military and national prospects, or with the health and security of our troops, would disappear with the first indications of rigid order, enforced with impartial authority throughout the whole army.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission assure Major Gen-

eral McClellan in advance, of all the moral support and sympathy of their numerous constituents, and beg him to believe that the humane, the intelligent, the religious, the patriotic, will uphold his hands in every endeavor to communicate a spirit of subordination, fidelity, and obedience to the troops, even by resort, if found necessary, to the utmost rigor of military law, believing that the health, comfort, and efficiency of the army, are all united in their dependence on a strict, uniform, and all pervading military discipline.

Dr. Gibbs moved that copies of Dr. Bellows's resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, to the members of the Cabinet, to Senators and Representatives of the United States, to the Commander-in-Chief, to the various Brigadier Generals, and to the Editors of the principal newspapers in the loyal States, and that the resolutions be also printed as a document of the Sanitary Commission.

It was decided that the resolutions be issued in the usual official form of certified copies.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the President and Corresponding Secretary report to the Commission a proper place for adjusting difficulties which have arisen under the commission assigned to Miss Dix, in connection with the Military Hospitals, by the Secretary of War.

It was

Resolved, That the following articles be procured for immediate use in the General Hospital: 100 small tables for writing in bed, 100 iron wire cradles for protecting wounded limbs, 2 water-beds, 30 back-gammon boards, 30 boxes dominoes, 30 checker boards, 5 pounds Delphinum, 2 dozen ounce-bottles of per-sulphate of iron, — reams of writing paper (note) marked with stamp of the Commission.

Resolved, That all articles of clothing, or otherwise, issued by the Commission, be hereafter ordered by the Commission when in session, and by order of the Resident Secretary, when the Commission is not in session; and that in every instance receipts be taken therefor from the Medical Officers supplied, and that

all such articles be distinctly marked with the stamp of the Sanitary Commission.

Resolved, That a barber be employed by the Commission for the service of the volunteers in hospitals.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the feasibility of having some substitute for a grave-stone placed at the burial place of each volunteer dying in General Hospital, to bear his name, rank, and date of death. Drs. Harris and Van Buren were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That the Purveyor General be respectfully requested to direct that a ticket bearing the name, rank, regiment, company, and disease of each patient in General Hospitals, together with date of his admission, be placed at the head of his bed, or some conspicuous place in its vicintity, as early as practicable.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Hospitals, to consider and report whether it be expedient to establish a Military Hospital in Washington, or elsewhere, under the direction of the Commission; and, if they believe it expedient, to report further what should be the site and capacity of such hospital, and what would be the expense of its erection and maintenance, and to report plans, maps and estimates for such Hospital Building.

Drs. Van Buren and Agnew were appointed such committee.

It was, also,

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee to inquire and report what action, if any, can be taken by the Sanitary Commission to improve the condition of the General Hospitals at Georgetown, Alexandria, and elsewhere.

Resolved, That the President be requested to draw up the form of a memorial addressed to the President of the United States, and the Secretary of War, embodying the views expressed in the resolution passed this morning in regard to the discipline of the Volunteer Army, and that the Central Executive Committee at New York be requested to ask for the signatures of persons to whom the Government must chiefly look for pecuniary supplies.

The following action was also had respecting the meetings of the Commission,

Resolved, That during the session of the Commission, no person be admitted to the room of the Commission, except its members and employees, without a vote of the Commission.

Mr. Olmsted, Prof. Gibbs, and Mr. Strong, were re-appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Ruggles in reference to his employment as a forwarding agent, to arrange a suitable system for the forwarding and arranging of supplies.

Mr. Sanderson appeared before the Commission, and gave a statement of his experience in efforts to improve the regimental cuisine. He expressed himself discouraged in those efforts.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, a. m.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—The President, Resident and Corresponding Secretaries, Mr. Strong, Prof. Gibbs, Prof. Van Buren, and Dr. Agnew.

The President suggested that the Commission should decide in what manner the Commissioners should share the duties and responsibilities of labors at their headquarters.

The President then presented the draft of a memorial and address to , as directed by resolution yesterday. It was amended, adopted, and 250 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Strong, (upon the official representation of Dr. J. H. Douglas, an agent of the Commission,) it was

Resolved, That a despatch be forthwith sent to the officers of the St. Andrew's Society of New York, asking immediate attention in regard to the destitution of the 79th New York Volunteers in regard to blankets.

Prof. Bache stated that two measures in which the Commission had taken a lively interest had received the attention of

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the Senate yesterday: one reported by Mr. Fessenden, from the Finance Committee, as an amendment to the national loan bill, authorizing Treasury notes of the denomination of five dollars; and the other reported by Judge Harris, from the Judiciary Committee, prohibiting the selling, giving, or administering of spirituous liquors to soldiers in the District of Columbia.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission adjourn on Friday next, at noon, to meet again, in Washington, on the fourth Tuesday in August. Passed.

Resolved, That Mr. Olmsted shall communicate meanwile, to any member of the Commission whose presence he may find indispensable, the desirableness of his repairing to Washington, and that the Commissioners will hold themselves in readiness to obey the call. Passed.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be requested to give himself up to the superintendence of our labor of inspections in the West, visiting the different sections, conferring with and ordering our local inspectors, and reporting weekly to Washington the results of general observations and reflections upon the best methods of promoting the objects of the Commission in that quarter.

Dr. Gibbs offered the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up and present to the Sanitary Commission, during its present session, a report on the best methods of improving the *moralé* of the disorganized and demoralized volunteers and militia forces. (Messrs. Gibbs, Strong, and Van Buren were appointed such committee.)

2. *Resolved*, That the same committee be requested to report upon the best means of promoting cheerfulness, and healthy mental and physical recreations, among the volunteer and military forces.

3. *Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary be requested to collect and arrange all the resolutions passed by the Sanitary Commission at its different meetings, and print the same as a document of the Commission, and that in future all such reso-

lutions shall be collected and printed at the close of each session.

4. *Resolved*, That the Sanitary Commission cordially approve of the substitute for yeast prepared by the Rumford Chemical Works, under the patent of Prof. Horsford, and recommend the use of this material in the preparation of bread for the volunteer and militia forces.

On motion, Dr. Harris's report on the sanitary condition of the forces at Fortress Monroe was accepted, and laid upon the table for further consideration.

Resolved, That it is expedient to add to the Commission an additional member from New England, and that the Right Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island, be appointed such Commissioner; also, that it is expedient to add to the Commission one member from Pennsylvania, and that Horace Binney, Jr., Esq., be so appointed.

On motion, Mr. Sanderson's report upon his labors in the 15th and 27th regiments, and upon the subject of camp cooking, was presented. After reading the report, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and given to the press for publication; also, that Mr. Sanderson be requested to report to this Commission specific suggestions for the proper preparation of soldiers' rations.

The committee on measures for elevating the *morale* of the troops reported that, as a preliminary step for the improvement of the disorganized regiments, they would offer the following: The committee appointed under the resolution of Dr. Gibbs, to report on the best method of elevating the *morale* of the volunteer forces, respectfully recommend, as a preliminary report, that Dr. Bellows and Prof. Bache be a committee to address the President of the United States, personally or by letter, and represent to him the propriety of visiting the regiments which were disorganized and demoralized in the late retreat from Manassas Pass, and of addressing in person a few words of sympathy and encouragement to the soldiers and non-commissioned officers. The suggestion was adopted.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 30.

Commission met at 8 o'clock. p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Col. Cullum, Dr. Van Buren, Prof. Gibbs, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Olmsted, and Dr. Harris.

The revision of the memorial was suggested.

The Resident Secretary reported that he desired to assign Dr. Buell to the camps of Missouri, Dr. Agnew to Cairo, Ill., Dr. Douglas to General Banks's column in Northern Virginia, and Mr. Dunning to Fortress Monroe and Eastern Virginia, and Dr. Tomes and Mr. Knapp to the Department of the Potomac.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That 100 copies of each document as published, be strictly preserved in the archives of the Commission, for the further supply of members and public libraries at a future time.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That at least 2,500 copies of each document designed for general circulation, be printed at the first edition.

Col. Cullum was requested to favor the Commission with suggestions for promoting the cheerfulness and elevating the morale of the Volunteer Soldiers. Col. Cullum narrated various incidents and observations in his own experience, showing the importance of employing the time of soldiers and engaging their attention in rational improvement. After taking counsel upon various subjects, the Commission adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Mr. Strong, Prof. Gibbs, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Harris. The minutes of yesterdays' meeting were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the Hospital Committee be requested to wait upon the Surgeon General and urge him to use his influence with the War Department to have Special Order No. 185, made general in its application.

(Copy of Special Order No. 185.)

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *July* 12, 1861.

3. The hospital funds accruing to the General Hospitals in the Department of Washington, will be administered hereafter by the Surgeons in charge of said Hospitals. At the end of each month, the Chief Commissary of Subsistence will turn over to the Surgeons in charge of the respective Hospitals, the amount due on account of undrawn rations.

(Here enters a paragraph allowing lady nurses the commuted value of two (2) rations daily.)

By order:

[Signed.] L. THOMAS, *Adjutant General.*

The committee to report upon the relations of this Commission to Miss Dix, and the welfare of the sick, reported that they find Miss Dix ready to acquiesce in the position to which she seems to be assigned by the Medical Bureau, and that she expresses the entire willingness to be counseled by the Sanitary Commission. The committee recommend that no action be taken by the Commission affecting the questions submitted to them. This report was accepted and adopted.

In reference to the election of a member of this Commission from Pennsylvania, it was ordered that the following gentlemen be considered as candidates, and that they be consulted in the following order: Horace Binney, Jr., John Welsh, Wm. M. Meredith, Geo. H. Stewart, and Dr. Alfred Stille.

It was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a list of graduates of West Point, who have resigned from the Army, and who are perfectly available for military command, and that the committee be instructed to prepare such list with-

out aiming at the minute accuracy which might interfere with prompt action, and that they be authorized to furnish their results in such form as may seem to them appropriate, correcting the list, if practicable, by a circular to be addressed to the graduates. The President, Prof. Bache, and Col. Cullum, were appointed such committee.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Mr. Olmsted, and Prof. Gibbs.

The minutes were read and approved. A communication was received from a physician in Washington, relating to Hospitals. The communication was committed to the Hospital Committee. An informal report was read by the Hospital Committee, giving the first results of their observations, in their visits to the several Military Hospitals in Washington and its vicinity. A fuller report was promised by the committee.

Mr. Strong offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Hospital Committee be accepted and adopted, and that the same be referred back to the committee for revision and amplification, and that the committee cause the same, when complete, to be printed and circulated as a document of the Commission, and that copies thereof be sent to the Secretary of War, and to the Medical and Quartermaster's Departments.

Dr. Van Buren stated that in his visits to the Military Hospitals, he had learned that there exists a great defect in provisions for washing clothing, &c.

Dr. Abadie of Columbian College Hospital asked for an appropriation (of $25 a month to begin with) for washing the clothes of volunteers entering his hospital. The United States requires a matron to wash hospital bedding, only; he will make them wash the hospital clothing, but the soldiers' clothes must

go unwashed, unless the Sanitary Commission supplies the money. Dr. Smith asks for $10 a month and a ration for the same purpose. To meet this want the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That $25 a month for two months from the present date, be appropriated for the washing of the clothing of volunteers entering the General Hospitals at Columbian College, Washington, in charge of Dr. Abadie, U. S. A., to give receipt for the same; also, that $20 a month for the same period, be appropriated to the Seminary Hospital, Georgetown, the Surgeon in charge, Dr. Smith, U. S. A., giving receipt for the same, and both of these gentlemen undertaking to superintend the disbursement of the money.

A communication was received from Dr. Howe, a member, which was accompanied with a report on the condition of camps and hospitals in the vicinity of Boston. The report was accepted, and the thanks of the Commission returned to Dr. Howe for his attention to the labors upon which he has so fully reported.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission earnestly recommend the establishment of Receiving Stations at New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Baltimore, and at various points at the West, so that troops, after their arrival in those cities, may, in case of necessity, be provided with lodging, and with well prepared and nutritious food, also, with facilities for washing, and for the calls of nature.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission recommend the appointment of a board of five officers above the rank of Major, to consider the reports of the Commission, and decide upon such modification of existing Army Regulations as may seem to them advisable. (Laid over until evening.)

It was

Ordered, That the Resident Secretary have power to appoint a Transportation Agent.

The President offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Resident Secretary be instructed to organ-

ize, under the special charge of one of the Inspectors, a system in each of the Hospitals of this Military District, and, as far as possible, in all others, by which the wounded soldiers shall be enabled to communicate by letter with their friends, and to receive, also, such comfort from reading, and being read to, as their condition and the rules of the hospital allow.

Resolved, That it be recommended that in each hospital, the Stewart, Ward-master, or intelligent convalescents, be made the agents and instruments of this Commission in accomplishing this work; that to one of them be specially committed a store of stationery, marked with the stamp of the Commission, and either franked, or furnished with postage stamps, if the use of the congressional privilege is not preferred by the soldier. That this agent be required to make a daily record of every letter written, and of every hour of reading done, and make a weekly report of the same to the Inspector.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Bible, and such religious books as the soldiers may ask for, or such as represent their denominational relations, be readily recommended, and read, when acceptable, to the sick, but not to the exclusion of works of entertainment—newspapers, &c.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Barber be under the superintendence of the same Inspector, and make weekly reports to him.

5th. *Resolved*, That the leading newspapers and periodicals be earnestly requested to furnish as many copies of each issue as their benevolence and ability may prompt, directed in bundles to our address, for the use of the sick in the hospitals.

It was

Resolved, that the Resident Secretary be authorized and advised to cause to be published an abstract of those sections of the Army Regulations which relate especially to the sanitary interest of the soldiers.

(Resolution adopted by the Sanitary Commission at the evening session, August 1.)

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on West Point graduates be referred back to the Committee with authority to

make such additions and changes as may be approved by them, to have their report, thus finally prepared, printed; and to circulate the list of names of graduates probably available for the military service.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The Commission met at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Strong, Prof. Bache, Prof. Gibbs, Dr. Howe, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Wood, and Dr. Harris.

An abstract of the resolutions adopted by the Commission, during its first three sessions, was presented and read. It was ordered that the resolutions of the present session be appended to that abstract, to constitute with that one document.

The Commission then

Resolved, That it be referred to Prof. Bache and Mr. Olmsted to see that the resolution heretofore adopted in regard to the erection of a building for the reception of troops on their arrival at Washington, be fully carried out, and to confer with Major General McClellan and the Secretary of War in regard thereto.

The Committee on measures for supplying the Volunteer forces with competent officers reported in writing. The report was accepted, and referred back to the Committee to revise as their judgment may determine, and that they are hereby authorized to publish the same as a document of this Commission.

Resolved, That the Commission has reason to believe that personal visits from the Governors of States, and other eminent men, with words of sympathy, encouragement, and well-deserved praise, are of most essential service, and that the Commission suggests that the regimental bands should be instructed to give occasional concerts to the soldiers; that dress parade shall be held in Pennsylvania avenue, to be attended by members of the Cabinet and high officials; and that when it is

convenient the position of the troops shall be shifted to distant points; and that, so far as practicable and consistent with official propriety, the officers of the General Government shall continue to show a daily personal interest in the welfare of the troops.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission are due to Dr. Harris for his devotion to the interests of the Commission, and for the zeal and fidelity with which he has discharged his duties; and that the office of Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby united to the duties of the Resident Secretary.

The President offered the following resolutions, which were passed:

1st. *Resolved*, That the members of the Sanitary Commission, resident at Washington, be a Committee to call at an early day upon Major General McClellan and assure him of their desire to co-operate with him in every possible manner in securing the good discipline, health, and efficiency of the troops; also to explain to him the ends and methods of the Commission, and ask a favorable consideration, his frank counsel, and his powerful assistance in the objects of the Commission.

2d. *Resolved*, That the same Committee be instructed to obtain from the General, if possible, the direction of the Receiving Depot for the troops, subject to understood conditions of receiving it.

Resolved, That Resolution 15 be, and hereby is rescinded, and that it be ordered that when important defects or mismanagement affecting the sanitary condition of any regiment, shall be reported by the Inspectors, the facts shall be communicated to the Governors of the States, from which the officers shall have received their appointment, unless the information shall appear to have been furnished to the Commission confidentially.

Resolved, That Dr. Harris is hereby requested to visit the Military Depots at Albany, Elmira, and Harrisburg, for the purpose of sanitary inspection and improvement of their condition, and the troops assembled at those places, and to report upon the same at the next meeting of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Commission recognizes no official relation with any person except the officers of the Government, and its own associates and employees.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission have observed with great satisfaction, during their official visits to the General Hospitals, the intelligent devotion of the Medical Officers of the Army to their respective duties, and the commendable success with which they have commenced the organization of Military Hospitals, under extraordinary difficulties. Passed and ordered to be sent to the Medical Bureau.

The Commission adjourned to meet at Washington on the fourth Tuesday in August.

The following resolution was adopted previous to adjournment:

Resolved, That the report from the Committee on the preservation of Records of Deaths and Interments, be accepted and recommitted to the chairman of the committee, with directions to procure the adoption of a plan for such registration.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1861.

A meeting of the members of the Advisory Committee present in Washington, was to be held by agreement at the Office, August 7, at 8 p. m., notice was duly given to each. At the hour named the following members were present—Prof. Bache and Mr. Olmsted.

It was agreed that a letter of Dr. Howe, on the economic management of military forces, should be printed as a document of the Commission, especially as to the Receiving Depot. At 9 o'clock the committee adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1861.

A meeting of the members of the Advisory Committee was called for 8 o'clock, p. m. Between that time and 9 o'clock, the following members assembled: Prof. Bache, Col. Cullum, Dr. Wood, and Mr. Olmsted. No formal business was transacted.

FIFTH SESSION.

The fifth session of the Sanitary Commission was held at their room in the Treasury building, Washington, on Thursday, September 5, 1861, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Frederick L. Olmsted, Secretary Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Prof. A. D. Bache, Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Harris, Dr. Agnew.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Commission were read and approved.

The minutes of two meetings of the Advisory Committee held since August 1st, were also read.

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee consisting of the President, Bishop Clarke, and Mr. Olmsted, to make arrangements for the systematic visitation by the Commission, of the camps in and about Washington.

Resolved, That the meetings of the Commission during its present session be held daily at 10 o'clock, a. m., and at half-past seven, p. m., unless otherwise specially ordered.

The Treasurer presented his report, dated September 3d, which was read and referred to an Auditing Committee, to consist of Prof. Bache and the Secretary.

Resolved, That the same committee, with the Treasurer, be instructed to prepare a financial scheme for the current year, commencing on the 12th June last.

The Secretary's report was read.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and referred to a committee, consisting of the President, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Van Buren, and Dr. Gibbs.

Resolved, That the relations of the Womans' Central Relief Association to the Commission, be referred to the Committee on the Secretary's report.

Resolved, That Dr. Tripler, U. S. A., Medical Director of the Department of the Potomac, be notified by the Secretary of the time and place of the meetings of the Commission, and invited to attend them.

The report of Rev. F. N. Knapp, Inspector, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's report.

The report of Dr. J. Foster Jenkins on the General Hospitals in Washington and its vicinity, was read, and, on motion, referred to the same committee.

The meeting was then adjourned until half-past seven, p. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1861, 7½, P. M.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Frederick L. Olmsted, Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Prof. A. D. Bache, Prof. Wolcott Gibbs. Lt. Col. Cullum, U. S. A., Dr. R. C. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Tripler, U. S. A., Medical Director of the Department of the Potomac, was present by invitation.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission earnestly urges upon the Secretary of War the immediate erection in this vicinity of temporary hospital buildings, sufficient to accommodate fifteen thousand beds, and that Drs. Van Buren and Agnew, be a committee to wait upon the Secretary and explain to him the grounds of this suggestion.

Resolved, That General McClellan be requested to co-operate in obtaining this order from the War Department, and that the Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac be invited to accompany the committee for this Commission in their application to the Secretary of War.

Adjourned to Friday, the 6th inst., at 10 a. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1861.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Frederick L. Olmsted, Secretary, Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Prof. Bache, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris.

The minutes of the meetings of the 5th Sept. were read and approved.

Dr. Van Buren, on behalf of the Committee on Hospitals, presented their printed report, dated July 31, 1861, which was, on motion, accepted and approved, and it was on motion, ordered that copies be officially sent to the proper authorities.

The committee on the Secretary's Report reported, verbally, a recommendation that the report made yesterday by Rev. F. N. Knapp, be printed as a document of the Commission, and that copies be furnished to the daily papers; which recommendation was, on motion, adopted.

Dr. Harris, on behalf of the committee appointed to devise means for preserving records of the death and place of interment of soldiers, reported in writing.

Dr. Newberry presented a verbal report of the result of his visitation and inspection of Western camps.

The Secretary presented returns from Dr. Wm. P. Buel, of of the sanitary condition of seven regiments, visited and inspected by him at Rolla, Missouri.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be requested to reduce to writing, at his convenience, his verbal report on the condition of Western camps, with such other facts as the accompanying documents may disclose, and that the same be printed by the Commission.

Mr. Olmsted reported that he had addressed a communication to the Governors of all the loyal States, calling their attention to the importance of more rigorous inspection of the physical

condition of persons offering to enlist, together with answers received from the executive departments of certain of those States.

Mr. Agnew also reported a communication from Dr. Aigner, at Cairo, in regard to the qualifications of western surgeons, and as to the means employed by the Western States to ascertain the qualifications of persons applying for medical positions in the army.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the inspection of Volunteers, be referred to a committee of three. Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Gibbs were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That Mr. Strong, Bishop Clark, Prof. Bache, and Dr. Newberry, be appointed a committee to nominate additional Associate Members, and to revise the list of Associate Members as printed.

Resolved, That this committee be requested to define the relations of the Associate Members to the Commission, and to propose some scheme for making them practically useful in promoting the ends of the Commission.

On motion, the meeting was adjoured to the evening of the same day, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, 1861.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Commission met at 7.30 p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Secretary, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Prof. Bache, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, Col. Cullum.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Paymaster General and ascertain whether advantage has been taken of the late act of Congress in regard to allotment of soldiers' pay.

The President, with Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, and Mr. Strong, were appointed such committee.

Mr. Olmsted presented returns from fifty-seven regiments, from which it appears that ten of their medical officers have been appointed without passing any examination, and it further stated that this fact had been reported to the Medical Director of this Department.

Prof. Bache offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, the sanitary condition of the Volunteer forces depends mainly on the discipline imposed among them and on the confidence they repose in their officers:

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee to inquire and report whether it is expedient to recommend to the War Department to constitute, under the law, a system of extended and thorough examinations to test the qualifications and capacity of volunteer officers, with a view to the selection of those who are found best qualified for the service.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to report a plan for creating a National Reserve force to the Prussian Landwehr, which could be recommended to the Governors of States, and adopted by towns and neighborhoods throughout the loyal States.

On motion, the appointment of this committee was left to the Chair, to be announced at the next meeting of the Commission.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned to Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10 a. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1861.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Commission met at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Frederick L. Olmsted, Secretary, Bishop Clark, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Prof. Bache, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Van Buren.

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th inst. were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted reported a copy of an order issued by Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, dated Sept. 6, appointing a board of examination of the capacity and qualification of medical officers of the Volunteer regiments.

Dr. Gibbs offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the great amount of poverty and distress which must be anticipated in our cities during the ensuing winter, and which even now is beginning to be severely felt in particular places, the Sanitary Commission earnestly recommends to the different charitable associations to take immediate steps to meet the exigencies which are unhappily certain to arise, believing that the wisest foresight, the most intelligent comprehension of the peculiar circumstances and difficulties of our present position, the most active and energetic charity, and the most judicious liberality, must specially be imperatively demanded; the Commission especially urges attention to the necessity of joint action on the part of the different charitable associations in the same city or district, and to the importance of uniform, comprehensive, and well sustained efforts to aid the families of the volunteers and all whom the war has deprived of the means of subsistence, and finally, to the danger of receiving and organizing pauperism by injudiciously bestowed and unreflecting charity.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this resolution be refered to a committee to be appointed, of which the President shall be chairman.

The Chairman appointed Dr. Harris, Bishop Clarke, and the Secretary, as the other members of the committee.

Dr. Harris presented a report on disinfectants for camps and hospitals, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Prof. Gibbs, as Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry, be requested to report to the Commission at each stated session, the results of such inquiries and observations as he may make respecting improved processes of disinfection or

cleansing by methods adapted to the wants of camps, hospitals, and transports.

Dr. Agnew, on behalf of the Committee appointed to visit the Medical Purveyor and ascertain what supplies of hospital and medical stores had been provided to meet the contingency of a great sudden demand growing out of an engagement on a large scale, reported that they had called on the Medical Purveyor, that there was a deficiency of such supplies, and no prospects of an immediate increase of them.

Resolved, That this report be printed forthwith, and that copies be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, the Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, Lt. Gen'l Scott, Gen'l McClellan, and the Surgeon General. Dr. Agnew reported a dispatch received from New York, showing that fifteen New York regiments had left the State without medical examination.

Resolved, That Dr. Agnew be requested to communicate this fact to Dr. Tripler, U. S. A.

On motion of Dr. Agnew,

Resolved, That the U. S. Sanitary Commission respectfully represent to Dr. Tripler, the Medical Director, the urgent necessity of supplying quinine as a prophylactic in such camps as are situated in malarious regions or give evidence of incipient malarious diseases.

Resolved, That the medical members of the Commission, with Dr. Van Buren as chairman, be requested to prepare a digest of the existing knowledge concerning the use of quinine as a prophylactic.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted,

Resolved, That his report as Secretary, made on the 5th inst., be recommitted to him.

The President announced the appointment of Prof. Bache, Col. Cullum, Dr. Newberry, Prof. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, and Mr. Olmsted, as the committee on Prof. Bache's resolution adopted last evening; and committee on pauperism arising from the war, the President, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, Mr. Strong, Bishop Clark, and Mr. Olmsted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer and Secretary be requested to

report to the Commission a scheme for keeping the financial accounts of the Commission.

Adjourned for half an hour.

The Commission resumed its session at half past two. Present as before, and informally discussed a scheme of operations and appointments.

Resolved, That Committee on Treasurer's account be discharged.

Adjourned to Monday, 9th inst., at 12 m.

TREASURY BUILDING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1861.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Secretary, Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark. Lt. Col. Cullum, Prof. Bache, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Dr. E. Harris, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs.

The minutes of the meeting of Saturday, 7th inst., were read, amended, and approved.

Resolved, That the President be requested to address a letter to Major General McClellan, asking an interview on business of the Commission.

Mr. Olmsted reported a communication from the executive department of Mass., in regard to medical inspection.

The President read a communication from Robt. Collyer, Camp Inspector, in regard to the alarming condition of the 2d Regiment Michigan Volunteers, arising from absence of officers, insufficient clothing, &c.

Resolved, That the facts be forthwith communicated by the President to Gen. McClellan, and that Mr. Collyer be requested to report to the Commission specially, from time to time, as to the condition of that regiment.

Dr. Chamberlain, Surgeon of the 10th Mass. Regt., reported certain facts in regard to the prevalence of malarial disease in that regiment at Brightwood, and as to the use of prophylactics.

Resolved, That the subject be refered to Drs. Van Buren and Agnew, and the Secretary, with power to confer with the surgeons of the Mass. 10th Regiment, and to take such steps as they may deem advisable.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution in regard to a report to Gen. McClellan, be reconsidered. Resolution was therefore reconsidered and lost, and it was

Ordered, That the Rev. F. N. Knapp be requested to visit the camp of the 2d Michigan Regiment forthwith, and report its condition to the Commission.

Dr. Van Buren, on the part of the committee to confer with Dr. Chamberlain, of the 10th Mass. Regiment, reported verbally, recommending that 25 gallons of the "quinine bitters" on store, be issued to Dr. Chamberlain for use as a prophylactic.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be accepted and its recommendation adopted.

Mr. Olmsted presented the General Report on the sanitary condition of the Volunteer forces, especially in connection with the battle of July 21.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to 8 p. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1861, 8 P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at the above hour.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Frederick Law Olmsted, Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren, Prof. Bache, Col. Cullum, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Gibbs. Dr. Tripler, U. S. A., was also present.

The reading of Mr. Olmsted's report was resumed and concluded.

On motion.

Resolved, That the report be recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Prof. Bache, and made the special order for to-morrow evening.

The Commission was then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1861.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Mr. Olmsted, part of session; Dr. Tripler was also present

A copy of a letter from Dr. Tripler to Gen. McClellan was read, on the subject of the necessity of increased hospital accommodation, and on the advantage of detached temporary wooden buildings over permanent structures, not constructed for hospital use, as hotels, &c.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Tripler's letter be received and referred to the Committee on increase of Hospital accommodation, and that the thanks of the Commission be returned to Dr. Tripler.

On motion, the Commission took a recess for half an hour to visit the storehouse for hospital supplies.

The Commission resumed its session at 1 p. m.

A report from Mr. Knapp, of statements made in regard to the hospital at Annapolis, was read.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Dr. be requested to proceed forthwith to inspect the hospitals, and to report to the Commission by Thursday morning, if possible.

A report from Mr. Knapp, as to the condition of the 2d Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, was read.

The President reported that Col. Marcy had stated his

intention to take immediate measures to remedy the evils existing in the camp of that regiment.

Resolved, That Mr. Knapp's report be accepted and placed on file.

A communication to Mr. Knapp from Wilder Dwight, Major of 2d Massachusetts Volunteers, stationed in Maryland, as to defects in commissariat, was read.

Resolved, That Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Douglas, be requested to enter in their respective duties.

Resolved, That a copy of Major Dwight's letter, properly endorsed, be sent to General McClellan's headquarters.

Dr. Bellows presented the report of the committee to whom the subject of the relations of the Commission with the Womans' Central Relief Association of New York was referred, which report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That the Womans' Central Relief Association of New York, is hereby, at its own generous instance, constituted an auxiliary branch of the Sanitary Commission, retaining, however, full power to conduct its own affairs in all respects, independently of the Commission, neither the Commission nor the Association being in any way responsible for any pecuniary liabilities or obligations, except such as are contracted for by itself or its authorized agents.

Resolved, That the Assistant Secretary communicate in writing semi-weekly, with the Womans' Central Relief Association, keeping it regularly informed of the wants of the Army, and the expectations of the Commission from that source of supply.

In regard to the report of Dr. Jenkins, as to the condition of the General Hospitals in this vicinity, the same committee reported that it affords evidence of the full and conscientious discharge of his duty by Dr. Jenkins, and of the great benefit which has followed the measures adopted and recommended by the Commission in behalf of the sick.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Jenkins's report be published in one of the leading medical journals of the country.

Resolved, That all stores in the basement of the Treasury building be forthwith removed to the storehouse of the Com-

mission, and that dry goods of no description be stored there for the future.

Resolved, That whereas the Commission is convinced that the seeds of neglect and disease are extensively sown in the recruiting stations of the Army in all cities and towns throughout the country; and whereas, the opportunities of enforcing correct sanitary habits, and communicating judicious suggestions, can be readily and abundantly afforded at these stations, therefore the Commission earnestly solicits the co-operation of all its associate members in the neighborhood of recruiting posts and stations, in enforcing sanitary regulations on officers and men.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to appoint local inspectors at the several recruiting stations, to serve without compensation, and to inquire into the wants and sanitary condition of recruits, and to report from time to time to the Commission.

Resolved, That the Rev. Francis Williams be, and he hereby is, appointed such Sanitary Inspector at the recruiting station at Brattleboro, Vermont.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission are due, and hereby tendered to Dr. Edwin M. Snow, of Providence, R. I., one of its associate members, for his generous and efficient exertions in aid of its objects; and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to him by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the present session of the Commission terminate to-morrow night, Wednesday 11th inst.

The Committee on Allotments of Soldiers' Pay, reported that they had had a conference with the Paymaster General, and that in his judgment an army allotment system, like that existing in the Navy, was impracticable.

The meeting then adjourned to this evening, at 8 p. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8 P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at the above hour.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Col. Cullum, Dr. Wood, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Gibbs. Dr. Tripler was also present.

The consideration of the Secretary's report was resumed.

Prof. Bache, one of the committee to whom the report was last evening referred, not being present, no action was taken on the subject, but after full discussion it was

Resolved, To make the report the special business for to-morrow at 8 p. m.

The meeting was then adjourned to the 11th inst., at 10 a. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1861.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Prof. Bache, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry.

Dr. Newberry presented his report on the sanitary condition of Western troops.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be requested to furnish a copy of the report to the Secretary, and that the same be printed and distributed as a document of the Commission.

Resolved, That Mr. Olmsted's report be confidentially printed forthwith, for the use of the members of the Commission.

Dr. Harris presented a report on the subject of Military Hospitals.

Resolved, unanimously, That the report of Dr. Harris be referred to the Committee on Inquiry.

The following preamble and resolution were offered:

Whereas, it appears that Dr. ——— ———, of Baltimore, Maryland, an associate member of the Commission, has publicly committed himself in hostility to the further prosecution of efforts to maintain our national unity: Therefore,

Resolved, That the appointment of Dr. ——— ——— as such associate member, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded and revoked, and that his name be dropped from the list of associate members of the Commission.

And the same was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be communicated by the Secretary to the Surgeon General, to General Dix, and to Prof. J. H. Alexander, of Baltimore, an associate member of the Commission.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to 8 p. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, SEPT. 11, 1861, WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at the above hour.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Dr. Agnew, Col. Cullum, U. S. A., Maj. Shiras, U. S. A., Prof. Bache, Dr. Van Buren. Dr. Tripler, U. S. A., was also present.

A communication was read by Dr. Van Buren from Dr. Suckley, on duty at the Sanitary Hospital at Alexandria, asking the Commission to provide a male nurse for that hospital, and also, that quinine bitters be supplied for his convalescent patients.

Resolved, That this application be referred to the Secretary, with power.

Mr. Olmsted offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee of Inquiry be requested to

prepare a report to the Commission on the moral and sanitary influences resulting in the demoralization observed among the troops of the Department in the latter part of July, and that the report of the Secretary be referred to that committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Inquiry be requested, also, to report how far the causes contributing to the demoralization of the troops still exist; and how far, and in what way, they may be modified or removed.

Resolved, That Prof. Bache be added to the committee.

Resolved, That the resolution that the present session of the Commission terminate this evening be rescinded.

The meeting was then adjourned to the next day at 10 o'clock, a. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1861.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Prof. A. D. Bache, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs.

Dr. Douglas presented his report on the Annapolis hospital.

Ordered, That the report be accepted and placed on file.

Resolved, That an abstract of the report of Dr. Douglas on the military hospital at Annapolis, be presented to the Medical Bureau, and that the Sanitary Commission earnestly recommend the removal of the Surgeon having charge of that institution, and the appointment of a competent officer in his place.

The President laid before the Commission a communication from C. H. Laub, U. S. Medical Purveyor, stating that the supply of bandages was exhausted, or would be so, before those ordered from New York could be received, and asking for a supply from the Commission. The Secretary reported that bandages had been sent by him to the Medical Purveyor.

The Commission considered and adopted a communication to the War Department.

The meeting was then adjourned to 1 p. m.

TREASURY BUILDING, THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 1861.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Major Shiras, U. S. A., Prof. A. D. Bache, Dr. Wood, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris.

Prof. Bache, from the examination of newly appointed officers from civil life, and on the organization of a reserve force, made a report in part.

Resolved, That the report of a committee on examination of officers, is adopted as the report of this Commission, and that a copy be presented to Major General George B. McClellan, U. S. A., commanding the Army of the Potomac, asking that the plan be put into execution, if approved by him under the law, as early as practicable.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the portion of the report which relates to the organization of reserves, be referred to the Committee on Inquiry, with Prof. Bache as Chairman, and with the addition of Col. Cullum and Major Shiras.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission urge the adoption on the part of the several State Legislatures of a uniform system of medical examination for military service.

And that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governors of the several loyal States.

Mr. Olmsted offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission considers that the source of danger to health, from which most is now to be apprehended, and which it seems practicable to remove or greatly and rapidly abate, is the want of ventilation in tents; and that the Commission most respectfully request of the Quartermaster General that some method be adopted which shall be

applicable, and which shall at once be applied to the tents in use, to secure their ventilation, and that such method should not require the introduction of fresh air at the bottoms of the tents.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission respectfully suggest that it would be of advantage to the health of the troops if Government supplied and required of each man that he should retain and use suitable appliances for cleaning clothing, leather, plates, and buttons, together with a hair brush and tooth brush, and towel, all adapted to be carried compactly in the knapsack.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission observe with regret that a deficiency still exists with many regiments of Volunteers, in blankets, shirts, socks, shoes, and head gear, and asks that strenuous efforts be made to anticipate, invite, and facilitate, as well as to meet requisitions for these articles, also, that strenuous efforts be made to prevent or to punish the sale or barter of their clothing by volunteers.

An application for the purchase of wooden legs for maimed soldiers was received and laid on the table.

Dr. Harris offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission has learned with satisfaction that the plan proposed by them for the preservation of full and accurate records of deceased soldiers, and the proper designation of their graves, has been adopted and ordered by the War Department.

Resolved, That the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of this Commission are hereby directed to use all proper influences to insure the faithful observance of the regulations that have been thus ordered.

On motion of Dr. Gibbs,

Resolved, That all reports adopted by the Commission, or accepted and referred to committees, are the property of the Commission, and cannot be withdrawn without a special vote.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted, it was

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission having, from the privilege accorded to it by the War Department, peculiar advantages for observing the condition of the troops, congratulates

the Government and the country upon the improvement which it finds taking place in the Army, and in everything relating to the Army. This improvement includes not only the more immediate conditions of health, but the provisioning and supplying of the Army, its discipline and morale.

It is now a general rule that the men of the Army of the Potomac are well fed, and in fine health and spirits; the officers are giving diligent attention to their duty, and are gaining the confidence of their men. To this general rule there are not many exceptions, and the number is lessening. The Commission testifies to this from recent personal observation of the Army of the Potomac, of its members, but it has received general satisfactory reports from its agents in the Western Armies.

The Commission also wishes to acknowledge the readiness, heartiness, and courtesy with which its suggestions have been received by the Secretary of War, by the Generals commanding each Department, and by all the officers of the volunteer forces.

The Commission desires further to express its grateful appreciation of the liberality and promptness of the public response to its call for material and pecuniary aid in its efforts to add to the appliances available for the care and comforting of the sick and wounded.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Theodore Millespaugh the sum of $19, C. J. Brown $32, and Edward Curtis $48.90 for services rendered as surgical dressers, at request of the Medical Department, after the battle of July 21.

Dr. Harris presented a report on the condition of the camps in the neighborhood of the cities of New York and Philadelphia.

Resolved, That this report be accepted and placed on file.

Resolved, That the report of Mr. Knapp on the condition of the Soldiers' Home, be printed as a document of the Commission, with such additions as he may be able to make up to the date of publication.

The Committee on Associate Members made the following report:

The Committee on Associate Members respectfully report the

following named gentlemen as desirable Associate Members of the Commission, viz:

John Bell, M. D., Philadelphia.
Joseph B. Collins, New York.
John Neal, M. D., Philadelphia.
Laurens P. Hickok, D. D., Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.
F. P. Handy, Cleveland, Ohio.
Joseph Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio.
A. Stone Jr., Cleveland, Ohio.
Alleyn Maynard, M. D., Cleveland, Ohio.
J. W. Andrews, Columbus, Ohio.
S. M. Smith, M. D., Columbus, Ohio.
Joseph Sullivant, Columbus, Ohio.
E. S. Lane, M. D., Sandusky, Ohio.
Wm. Pierson, Sandusky, Ohio.
Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Hon. Thos. Ewing, Lancaster, Ohio.
President Andrews, Marietta, Ohio.
Hon. Wm. A. Buckingham, Norwich, Conn.
John McCall, M. D., Utica, N. Y.
Austin Flint, M. D., New York.
Rev. Francis W. Williams, Brattleboro', Vt.

They also recommend that it be referred to the President and Dr. Newberry as a committee, with power during the recess of the Commission to appoint such additional Associate Members from the Western States, or elsewhere, as they may deem expedient, and that the names of such new associates be reported to the Secretary as soon as practicable, with instructions to print and distribute a new and complete list.

Also, that it be referred to the same committee, with power to address communications to individual Associate Members in the several loyal States, urging them to take steps to arrange auxiliary associations in aid of the purposes of the Commission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

	(Signed)	GEO. T. STRONG.
	"	J. S. NEWBERRY.
	"	A. D. BACHE.
Sept. 10, 1861.	"	THOMAS M. CLARK.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Special Auditing Committee appointed on the 5th inst. reported that the present mode of keeping the accounts of the Commission appeared to be satisfactory.

Resolved, That the next session commence on the third Tuesday of October next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the city of Washington.

Adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

The Sanitary Commission opened its sixth session at Washington, in their new quarters, the Adams house, No. 244 F street, on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1861, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Gibbs, and Dr. Agnew.

Resolved, That the President be requested, forthwith, to address a communication to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, Major General McClellan, the Surgeon General, and the Quartermaster General, notifying them of the commencement of the session, and earnestly asking for an early interview with them, severally, for conference on the sanitary interests of the Army, and on the business before the Commission.

Mr. Olmsted reported the result of correspondence and conference, since the last meeting of the Commission, with Major General McClellan and the Secretary of War, on the subject of an ambulance corps, of hospital extension, and other unfinished business of the last session, including a report from Dr. Tripler, Medical Director U. S. A., on the urgent necessity for increased hospital accommodation.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Hospital Extension be printed as a document of the Commission, under the direction of that committee, with such additional matter as the committee may deem expedient

Resolved, That Dr. Tripler and Gen. Van Vliet be invited to attend the meeting of the Commission this evening at 8 p. m.

LANE LIBRARY, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

On motion.

Resolved, That David A. Wells, Esq., of Troy, N. Y., and Hon. Henry B. Rogers, of Brookline, Mass., be elected Associate Members of the Commission, and be invited to attend the meeting and advise with the Commission.

Resolved, That the Commission adopt and approve the appeal for supplies, &c., to the "Loyal Women of America," issued by the Secretary during the recess.

The report of the Womens' Central Relief Association in New York, was presented, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That it be printed as a document of the Commission (No. 32) under the direction of the President.

Resolved, That the "Soldiers' Aid Society" of Cleveland, Ohio, is hereby constituted a corresponding branch of the Sanitary Commission, and that the Secretary notify that society of the action of the Commission, with an expression of the sense entertained by the Commission of the importance and value of its services.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to endeavor to organize a like association in the city of Philadelphia, and to see to the affairs of the Sanitary Commission in the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Horace Binney, Jr., the President, Bishop Clark, and Mr. Strong, were appointed such committee.

The President submitted a letter addressed by him to Jas. E. Yeatman, Esq., of St. Louis, making certain propositions on the subject of the sanitary organization there, which was on motion, approved.

The Treasurer presented his report from the date of his appointment; and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That it be accepted, and that it be referred to Drs. Van Buren and Gibbs to examine and audit.

An application from Dr. J. A. Thompson for appointment as Inspector, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Secretary with power.

Communications from Mrs. Geo. Curtis of New York, in regard to the condition of the Georgetown Hospital, were read and referred to the Hospital Committee.

Dr. Van Buren called the attention of the Commission to the

fact that the recommendations of the Commission in regard to grave-stones, &c., have not, in all cases, been acted on.

An application, dated 15th October, 1861, from Dr. C. A. Tripler, U. S. A., for quinine bitters for the 10th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, Dr. Chamberlain, was read and ordered to be filed.

Resolved, That this application be filed, and the supply of quinine issued at once.

Adjourned to this evening at 8 p. m.

The Sanitary Commission met on Tuesday evening, October 15, at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Bishop Clark, Prof. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Howe, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Harris, Mr. Olmsted. Dr. Tripler was also present.

The report of the Committee on Enlarged Hospital Accommodation was read.

On motion of Dr. Agnew, it was

Resolved, That the Commission recommend Government to proceed at once with the erection of five model hospitals, containing two hundred beds each, in conformity with the plans of the Commission.

Adjourned to 16th inst., 10 a. m.

The Sanitary Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a. m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1861.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris. Gen'l Meigs, Quartermaster General U. S., General Van Vliet, Quartermaster of the Army of the

Potomac, and Dr. Tripler, Medical Director Army of the Potomac, were present, and the hospital designs were submitted and discussed.

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of to proceed at once to inquire into a suitable site for a model hospital in the vicinity of Washington.

Drs. Newberry, Van Buren, Agnew, and Gibbs were appointed such committee.

On motion of Bishop Clark, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Russell M. Larned, of Providence, R. I. be appointed an Associate Member and Agent of the Commission for the State of Rhode Island, with authority to receive and forward such articles as may be contributed for the use of the Commission.

On motion of Dr. Agnew, it was

Resolved, That F. J. Bumstead, M. D., of New York, be elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

Adjourned to 8 p. m.

The Commission met on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, F. L. Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Dr. R. C. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Harris, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Agnew. Dr. Tripler was also present.

Dr. Van Buren, on behalf of the committee appointed this morning to inquire into the most suitable site for a temporary hospital, reported progress as follows:

That they had examined the public ground known as "Judiciary Square," that it was, on the whole, suitable for that purpose, though not absolutely free from objections; that the committee had visited other points outside the city, which were open to objections for various reasons, and especially on account of the badness of the roads leading to them during the fall and winter

months, and that in view of the importance of immediate action, the committee recommend that the Commission report to Gen'l McClellan that the northern half of Judiciary Square is a suitable site for a temporary hospital.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted, and that Dr. Van Buren be requested to address a communication on behalf of the Commission, to Gen'l Van Vliet, embodying the substance of the report and its recommendation.

Dr. Newberry made a verbal report of the result of his examination of the sanitary condition of the Army of the West, at St. Louis and elsewhere.

Dr. Tripler reported certain action on the part of the military authorities, making it probable that Government will adopt the plan for temporary hospitals submitted by the Commission, and direct the immediate erection of hospitals according to that plan, sufficient to accommodate 5,000 patients, and that more than one site will, in that case, be required.

A special report from ——— was read as to the sanitary condition of camps and hospitals in Washington and on the Potomac.

Resolved, That Dr. Jenkins's report be accepted and approved, and that the Secretary furnish to the press such portions of it as in his discretion will be of service to the Army.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 5 p. m.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 5 p. m., Thursday, Oct. 17.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Agnew, Dr. Howe, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren.

Dr. Howe and Dr. Harris made a verbal report as to the state of the hospitals at Georgetown, visited to-day.

Resolved, That the Quartermaster General be earnestly recommended to provide all the old buildings now used as hospitals

in Washington, Georgetown, Alexandria, and elsewhere, with ample additional means of egress in case of fire, by outside staircase, or otherwise, and also to supply these buildings with water buckets and with such other means of extinguishing fires as may be sufficient.

Resolved, That the attention of the Medical Director and the Quartermaster General be respectfully called to the necessity of immediately providing better ventilation in the several hospitals in and around Washington.

Whereas, on the 31st of July last, the Sanitary Commission called the attenion of the authorities to the absence of suitable arrangements for ventilating the General Hospitals in and around Washington; and whereas an inspection made to-day demonstrates that no improvements have yet been made; and whereas the approaching season makes longer delay in the highest degree dangerous to the health of the hospital inmates: Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Bishop Clark, Dr. Bellows, Dr. Howe, and Dr. Agnew, be appointed a committee to visit the hospitals in and about Washington, and to make a further report as to their condition.

Dr. Van Buren from the Committee on Hospital sites, reported that the committee had to-day visited several localities in and about the city, suggested by Dr. Hall, viz:

Open ground on the shore of the Potomac, known as the Mall, southwest corner 9th street and Maine avenue.

2d. Another portion of the Mall west of Smithsonian Institute, southeast corner of 8th street and Maine avenue.

3d. Five acres southeast of Capitol, at intersection of Pennsylvania and North Carolina avenues, (private property.)

4th. Common north of the city about 1½ miles, on Fourteenth street, near Meridian hill, known as the old race course, containing 100 acres, belonging to —— Stone. The committee reported the advantages and defects of these several localities, in detail; that they were all open to objection, and that any site outside the city limits was objectionable from the badness of the roads during the approaching season, and that in case such site were

adopted a plank road from the city would probably be indispensable.

Resolved, That the committee confer with Quartermaster General Van Vliet on the subject, and communicate to him the substance of this report.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission would feel that the hygienic considerations which have governed them in the formation of the plans they have offered for pavilion hospitals, would be seriously violated if more than one thousand patients were assembled in one locality.

The Commmission then took up the subject of allotments.

Resolved, That Mr. Strong with Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., Hon. Jas. W. Beekman of New York, and Hon. Henry B. Rogers of Boston, Associate Members of the Commission now present, be a committee to bring in a scheme for the promotion of remittances of soldiers' pay.

Dr. Douglas's report on the sanitary condition of General Banks's column was read.

Resolved, That Dr. Douglas's report be printed for the purpose of exhibiting to the public the character of the information designed to be collected incidentally by the Secretaries and Inspectors of the Commission, while engaged in the more important duty of directing the attention of officers to circumstances and habits unfavorable to health, and advising remedies for them.

Resolved, That a copy of Dr. Douglas's report be sent simultaneously for publication to the leading newspapers in each of the following cities, viz: New York, Boston, Portland, Providence, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis. That a note accompanying the copy, be sent to the respective editors, setting forth the value of the information for officers and soldiers, both in the field and about to enter the service.

Dr. Van Buren, Chairman of Committee on selection of Hospital sites, reported that the committee had laid the substance of their report before Gen'l Van Vliet, who proposed to submit it to General McClellan, and then transmit it to Gen'l Meigs, who, he stated, was awaiting the authority of the Secretary of War, before commencing the buildings.

Mr. Knapp, Special Relief Agent, &c., read his report.

Resolved, That the report be printed, with the letters annexed, (omitting names, &c.,) as a document, and also in each public paper.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 5 p. m.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 5 p. m., Friday, October 18, 1861.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, President, Fred. Law Olmsted, Esq., Secretary, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Howard, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Harris, Dr. Wood, U. S. A.

Dr. Gibbs, from the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, reported that the same had been audited and examined and found correct.

Dr. Bellows and Dr. Agnew made a verbal report as to the condition of hospitals in Washington and Georgetown; a motion was made that Dr. Bellows and Dr. Agnew be requested to reduce their report to writing for publication, and that it be printed as a document of the Commission; which resolution was afterwards withdrawn.

Dr. Van Buren laid before the Commission a design for temporary general hospitals, furnished by Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.

Resolved, That the Commission receive the plan with great satisfaction, and that Dr. Van Buren be requested to lay it before Gen'l Van Vliet, with a note explaining the points of difference between it and the plan recommended by the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That an executive and finance committee be appointed, to consist of five members, who shall meet at least once in each week in the city of New York, when the Commission is not sitting, and that all bills exceeding twenty dollars in amount (except freight and telegraph expenses, and except payments to

officers of the Commission,) as hereinafter provided, be certified by each committee before payment by the Treasurer.

Dr. Bellows, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, and Mr. Strong, were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay, from time to time, to the General Secretary, on his written requisition, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, for the expenses of the Commission, and like manner to the Assistant Secretary and Inspectors respectively, sums not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars for the same purpose.

On motion of Dr. Newberry,

Resolved, That the attention of the Quartermaster General be respectfully drawn to the fact that corn husks, dressed by machinery, an article of peculiar excellence for hospital and camp bedding, may now be obtained in the West, (Wheeling, Va.,) at about half the price this article has heretofore borne in market, viz: $25 per ton.

Mr. Olmsted laid before the Commission certain statistical tables and returns from Mr. E. B. Elliott, embodying the results of inspections thus far made; and also a communication from Mr. E. B. Elliott, suggesting the importance of the early adoption of a system for civil registration in our country, and for civil and military registration in Great Britain.

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee to consist of the Hospital Gommittee with Dr. Howe, to take into consideration the propriety of recommending to the appropriate department of the General Government, the adoption of the system of nomenclature and classification of disease identical with that presented by a committee (of which Dr. Parr, of London, was Chairman) of the International Statistical Congress, at its meeting at Paris in 1855, and that said committee have power, if they deem it expedient, to make such recommendation in the name of the Commission.

Rev. Gordon Winslow, D. D., Inspector, &c., presented his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

On motion of Mr. Olmsted,

Resolved, That so much of this report as refers to the condi-

tion of grounds occupied by U. S. forces at Staten Island, be referred to Dr. Agnew.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark presented a paper for publication in regard to the condition of the hospitals, which was, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of the Hospital Committee with Dr. Howe.

Rev. Dr. Eliot of St. Louis, a member of the Local Sanitary Commission appointed by Major General Fremont at that city, being present, the subject of that Commission was introduced by the President; after which a statement was made by Dr. Elliott as to the origin and operations of the St. Louis Commission, and the whole subject was fully discussed, but without action by the Commission.

Adjourned to 10 a. m., Saturday, 19th inst.

The Commission met at 10 a. m., Saturday, Oct. 19, 1861.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, President, Fred. Law Olmsted, Secretary, Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, and Dr. Howe.

Resolved, That the subject of the operations of the Commission in Missouri, be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Mr. Strong, from the special Committee on Allotments, reported progress.

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

The President made a verbal report in part, as to the extent and increase of pauperism in the cities, growing out of the war.

Dr. Agnew made a written report on behalf of the committee charged with inspecting the hospital for erruptive diseases, indicating the existence of great defects in its administration and supplies.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted, and copies be forthwith sent to the Surgeon General, and the Assistant Secretary of War.

Resolved, That

John C. Peters, M. D., New York.
Edward Hartshorne, M. D., Philadelphia.
J. H. B. McClellan, M. D., Philadelphia.
John Welsh, Philadelphia.
Mordecai L. Dawson, Philadelphia.
Arthur G. Coffin, Philadelphia.
Lewis Waln, Philadelphia.
John Forsyth Meigs, M. D., Philadelphia.
G. W. Morris, M. D., Philadelphia.
Isaac Hays, M. D., Philadelphia.
John A. Brown, Philadelphia.
John Nelson Borland, Boston.
Matthias W. Baldwin, Philadelphia.
Thos. L Kirkbride, M. D., Philadelphia.
Lewis R. Ashurst, Philadelphia.
Thos. T. Tarker, Philadelphia.
Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D, Philadelphia.
Joseph Carson, M. D., Philadelphia.
Caspar Morris, M. D., Philadelphia.
Rev. W. H. Furniss, D. D., Philadelphia.
Rt. Rev. John Hughes, D. D., New York.
Rt. Rev. Kendrick, Baltimore.
Rt. Rev. R. C. Bishop, D. D., Chicago.
Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks, U. S. A.
J. C. Hall, M. D., Washington.
David A. Wells, Esq., Troy, N. Y.
Hon. Henry B. Rogers, Brookline, Mass.
President Osborn, Illinois Central R. R.
David Judkins, M. D., Cincinnati.
John Davis, M. D., Cincinnati.
Robert Hosea, Cincinnati.
Lars Anderson, Cincinnati.
R. W. Burnett, Cincinnati.
G. K. Shoenberger, Cincinnati.
A. G. Brent, Cincinnati.
Rt. Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, Cincinnati.
Rev. E. T. Collins, Cincinnati.
Rev. W. A. Snively, Cincinnati.
Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, Cincinnati.
E. G. Robbins, Cincinnati.
E. S. Brooks, Cincinnati.
E. Cushing, M. D., Cleveland, Ohio.
Stillman Witt, Cleveland, Ohio.
Wm. Bingham, Cleveland, Ohio.
M. C. Younglove, Cleveland, Ohio.

Francis Carter, M. D , Columbus, Ohio.
Prof. T. G. Wormley, Columbus, Ohio.
—— Moody, Esq., Columbus, Ohio.
Jas. E. Yeatman, St. Louis.
C. S. Greeley, St. Louis.
J. B. Johnson, M. D., St. Louis.
LeBaron Russell, Boston.
Geo. Partridge. St. Louis.
Rt. Rev. W. R. Whittingham, D. D , Baltimore.
Robert M. Hartley, New York.

be elected associate members of the Commission.

The committee on the use of quinine as a prophylactic, presented their report.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, adopted, and printed for circulation.

Resolved, That all Governors of loyal States be *ex officio* associate members of the Commission, during their respective terms of office.

A communication on the subject of bathing and portable baths was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Surgeon General.

Resolved, That when the Commission adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

Resolved, That Dr. Harris's report on the military depots of Pennsylvania, be referred to the Committee on Inquiry.

Adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1861.

The Sanitary Commission opened its Seventh Session in the Adams House, at the city of Washington, on Tuesday, December 3, at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Prof. A. D. Bache, Major Alexander E. Shiras, U. S. A., Dr. R. C. Wood, U. S. A., Elisha Harris, M. D., Frederick Law Olmsted, S. G. Howe, M. D., J. S. Newberry, M. D., W. H. Van Buren, M. D., Corn's R. Agnew, M. D., Geo. T. Strong.

The President reported verbally the result of measures taken for the organization of Associate Members of the Commission, as auxiliary bodies, at Philadelphia and Boston.

Dr. Agnew, from the Committee on Hospitals, reported verbally that the Quartermaster General had selected from the hospital sites recommended by the Commission at the last meeting, as not unexceptionable, but the best within reach, two, viz: Judiciary Square, in the city, and the "Stone Farm," so-called; and that, at the request of the department, Dr. Agnew and Dr. Howe had, this morning, accompanied an officer of that department, for the purpose of deciding on the precise position of these localities to be used for the erection of buildings for hospital purposes, according to the designs heretofore submitted by the Commission, and that the ground had been selected and staked out, and that the buildings were to be commenced at once.

Resolved, That Dr. Tripler, Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, be specially invited to attend the evening session of the Commission to-morrow, at 8 p. m.

Whereas, the absence of medical literature suitable to their professional wants at the command of our medical officers in the field, demands an effort to supply it; and whereas the medical men of our country, who are unable to do service in the field, in consequence of their occupation in the great hospitals and seats of medical learning, should do their share of labor in behalf of our officers and soldiers now in active service: Therefore, it is

Resolved, That a sub-committee of the Commission be appointed, to secure from such high and sound professional sources a series of papers upon the subjects best calculated to interest and profit our medical officers in the field, with the object of having said papers printed as documents of the Commission, and circulated by their agents to the surgeons and assistants of the volunteer force now in the field.

Dr. Van Buren and Dr. Agnew were, on motion, appointed such committee.

A paper on Vaccination, prepared by F. Gurney Smith, M. D., and A. Stillé, M. D., of Philadelphia, an Associate Member of the Commission, was presented; and, on motion, referred to the same committee.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee have power to print, as documents of the Commission, any papers on medical or surgical subjects approved by the Committee on Medical Publications.

The Committee on Medical Publications reported in favor of printing the paper on Vaccination submitted to them.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be printed as a document of the Commission.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission are due, and are hereby tendered to J. Gurney Smith, M. D., and A. Stillé, M. D., for their able paper on the subject of Vaccination.

The Treasurer presented his report, dated November 25.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and referred to a committee to examine and audit the same.

Dr. S. G. Howe and Dr. Harris were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare and report a statement—

1st. Of freight paid by the Commission on supplies for the army.

2d. Of the cost or estimated value of all medicines, clothing, blankets, &c., of every description, which are included among the supplies furnished by Government to the army, and which have been furnished by the Commission in consequence of the inability of Government to provide them on demand.

On motion of Dr. Howe,

Resolved, That the United States Sanitary Commission would publicly acknowledge the important aid which it has received from various railroad and transportation companies. The Boston and Providence, Boston and Worcester, the Fall River, the Camden and Amboy, the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Companies, and some Express Companies, have, by very liberal arrangement, greatly lessened the cost of distributing the generous contributions of the people among the sick and wounded soldiers.

Mr. Olmsted reported that a small library of books of reference on surgery and medicine had been established at the rooms of the Commission for the use of army surgeons.

Dr. Harris presented to the Library of the Commission three volumes published documents of the National Sanitary Convention, one volume Dr. Bickford on Hygiene, and, for its author, Dr. Mott Francis's work on Hospital Hygiene.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission be presented to Dr. Harris and Dr. Mott Francis.

On motion of Dr. Agnew, Thos. H. Faile, Jr., of Boerne, Texas, was elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

On motion of Dr. Van Buren, Ernest Krackonvitz, M. D., of New York, was elected an Associate Member.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to 4th instant, at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 1861, MORNING.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Dr. Howe, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Strong.

A letter from Rev. Wm. G. Eliot to S. Pollock, M. D., in regard to the operations of the Commission appointed by Major General Fremont at St. Louis, was read.

A letter from General George W. Cullum was read, tendering his resignation as a member of the Commission, he having been ordered to St. Louis, as chief engineer of the army of Missouri.

On motion

Resolved, That while the Commission regrets to lose the personal counsels of General Cullum, it cannot consent to accept his resignation.

Dr. Agnew reported favorably in regard to an army bedstead submitted by Messrs. Tuelin & Holman; which report was approved.

The Treasurer submitted the accounts of the Boston agency and depot of the Commission, with vouchers, showing a balance due from the Commission of $719.75.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay said sum of $719.75 to Dr. S. G. Howe.

The Treasurer reported that he had, on the 29th November, on the recommendation of Dr. Van Buren and Dr. Agnew, advanced one hundred dollars to the chaplain of the 51st Regiment New York State Volunteers, stationed at Annapolis, to supply bedding and other stores for its hospital, the same being in a state of special destitution.

Resolved, That the action of the Treasurer be approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted the partial draft of a report to the Secretary of War.

On motion, so much of the report as relates to the inspection of recruits was referred to.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 1861, EVENING.

The Sanitary Commission met pursuant to adjournment, Wednesday, December 4, at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Agnew, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Howe, and Mr. Strong.

Messrs. Wm. E. Dodge, jr., and Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, attended to confer with the Commission on the subject of an improved allotment system, and submitted the draft of a proposed act of Congress in regard thereto.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission deem it of the first importance to reduce immediately to practical efficiency the allotment system for the army, for the sake not only of the health and morals of the soldiers themselves, but of the material interests of the country at large; and that the Commission most respectfully and earnestly urges the early adoption of such measures to this end as Congress may, in its wisdom, see fit to pass.

Dr. Tripler, U. S. A., Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, was present by request, and gave the Commission information on various points connected with the present working of the medical system of the army.

Dr. Douglas reported on the condition of the camps and hospitals at Maryland, and on the existing danger of small-pox there.

Dr. Jenkins presented a report on the Hospital for Eruptive Diseases, at Kalorama, showing that in many instances cases of measles, &c., had been returned cured from that hospital, and, on rejoining their regiments, had been seized with small-pox.

On motion,

Resolved, That an address to Major General McClellan on this subject be prepared forthwith.

Dr. Agnew was appointed a committee to prepare such address.

The Secretary laid before the Commission statistical papers and tables prepared by Mr. Elliot.

Adjourned to Dec. 5th, at 10.30 a. m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1861—MORNING.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, on Thursday, December 5, at half-past 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Prof. A. D. Bache, Vice President; Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Frederick Law Olmsted, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. E. Harris, Dr. S. G. Howe, Geo. T. Strong.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 3d and 4th instant were read, amended, and approved.

Dr. Newberry presented his report of the operations of the Commission in the Western department of the army, including reports from the Inspectors employed in Western Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana; inspection returns from twenty-three regiments; and the report of the Soldiers' Aid Association of Cleveland, an organization auxiliary to the Commission.

On motion, Hon. Joseph Holt, of Kentucky, was unanimously elected a full Member of the Commission; and the President and Vice President, with Dr. Newberry, were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Holt, and inform him of his election.

On motion, Dr. Chipley, of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mr. Thomas Hornbrooke, of Wheeling, Virginia, were severally unanimously elected Associate Members of the Commission.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of the Soldiers' Aid Association of Cleveland be printed as a document of the Commission, under the direction of Dr. Newberry.

On motion of Dr. Newberry,

Resolved, That the Ladies' Aid Society of Columbus be recognized as an association auxiliary to this Commission, on the

same terms as the Women's Central Relief Association of New York.

On motion, Robert W. Burnett, of Cincinnati, was unanimously elected a full Member of the Commission.

Dr. Aigner's report of the general results of camp inspection at Cairo, Cape Girardeau, Mound City, Bird's Point, Paducah, and elsewhere, was read.

A report from Dr. Wm. P. Buell, on Military Hospitals at St. Louis, was read.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be a committee to inform Mr. Robert W. Burnett of his election as a Member of the Commission.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be requested to relieve Dr. Buell from further duty as an Inspector.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to despatch Dr. Douglas, and such Inspectors as in his judgment may be expedient, to Missouri forthwith.

On motion, adjourned to this evening, at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1861—EVENING.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, on Thursday, at 10 p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Wood, U. S. A., Dr. Agnew, Mr. Strong, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Howe, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Harris.

A communication from Horace Binney, Jr., Esq., of Philadelphia, was read, enclosing extracts from the minutes of the auxiliary organization of Associate Members in that city.

A communication to the Secretary from the Ladies' Aid Society of Philadelphia was also read.

Dr. Benjamin F. Craig, of the Smithsonian Institute, was, on motion, duly elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

On motion, adjourned to to-morrow, the 6th instant, at 11.30 a. m.

Friday, Dec. 6, 1861—Morning.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, on Friday, Dec. 6th, at half-past eleven a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Howe, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Strong.

The minutes of yesterday's meetings were read and approved.

The President reported the result of an interview with the chief of General McClellan's staff, in regard to the condition of the Kalorama Hospital, and the consequent exposure of the troops in and around Washington to small-pox.

A communication was read from Mrs. Woolsey, of New York, in regard to the alleged inhuman treatment of 125 men, including several cases of measles, while on their way from Darnestown to Alexandria by canal. And another communication from Dr. W. A. Hammond, U. S. A., Baltimore, stating that patients are sent to the general hospitals at Baltimore when in a dying state, and in the last stages of typhoid fever and other diseases; that they are unnecessarily detained for hours on the road, and are in other respects treated with inhumanity and neglect.

Mr. F. N. Knapp was requested to make a verbal report as to the facts referred to in the first mentioned communication; and informed the Commission that they were confirmed by the statements of an officer of the medical staff.

A communication of facts to be laid before General McClellan was discussed and settled.

The following petition was read, and, on motion, was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the President and Secretary, and presented to Congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled:

The United States Sanitary Commission respectfully represents:

That from the reports of its camp inspectors in every department, from the complaints addressed to its members by officers of every grade in the regular as well as the volunteer army, and

from other sources, the Commission is fully satisfied that *sutlers' shops* cause not only great and most unnecessary waste of the pay of our soldiers, which should be devoted to the support of their families, but serious positive mischief to the health, morals, and efficiency of the troops;

That the soldiers are exposed to imposition by the sutlers, without practical remedy;

That they are often systematically tempted by their sutlers to waste of money, and neglect of those dependent on them;

That many sutlers use their position for the surreptious sale of liquors;

That their goods are often sold at exorbitant prices, and that the articles of food sold by them are generally unwholesome, and produce manifest positive mischief to the health of the army —cases of serious disease being constantly traceable to this cause.

The Commission, therefore, respectfully but earnestly prays that Congress will speedily adopt such measures as will remedy this evil—by placing the sutlers of the army under more close and effective supervision—by charging regimental quartermasters with the sale of articles now furnished by sutlers—or by such other measures as may, in its judgment, be sufficient.

By order of the Commission.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet again this evening, at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6, 1861—EVENING.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 9.30 p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Howe, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Strong.

Dr. Agnew reported the result of an inspection made by him to-day of camps in Virginia—in reference especially to the practices of raising banks of earth against tents and huts, excavating

the ground of tents, &c., as a protection against cold, and the consequent interference with ventilation.

A communication from Dr. W. F. Buel was read, stating that he had sent to New York a draft on the Treasurer for two hundred dollars, for compensation and disbursements.

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Secretary and Mr. Strong, with power.

Henry J. Bigelow, M. D., of Boston, was, on motion, elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

Mr. F. N. Knapp's report of the Special Relief Agency was read.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry's report, with such portions of the documents accompanying the same as he may deem expedient, be printed as a document of the Commission.

Resolved, That the subject of an application to Congress for an appropriation, to refund to the Commission the amount expended for such supplies as Government undertakes to furnish, but which the Commission has furnished in order to make up the deficiencies in the Government supply, be referred to the President, with power.

Adjourned to to-morrow, 7th instant, at 10 a. m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 1861—MORNING.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, on Saturday, December 7, at 10 a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Dr. Harris, and Mr. Strong.

A memorandum of points to which it is proposed that the President call the attention of Major General McClellan, was read and agreed to.

The Treasurer reported Dr. Newberry's account for the month of November, with vouchers, showing a balance due the Western Agency from the Commission of two hundred and forty-six dollars and forty-one cents.

Resolved, That the account be approved, and that the Treasurer pay the amount of said balance to Dr. Newberry.

On motion, the Hon. Mark Skinner, of Chicago, was unanimously elected a full Member of the Commission; and Dr. Newberry was appointed a committee to inform him of his election.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Quartermaster General on the question how far our volunteer soldiers can and ought to support themselves from their pay, without reliance on public contributions; and how far the Commission can with advantage supply the wants of soldiers in the field; and that such committee have power to take such action in the premises as they may deem expedient.

Mr. Strong and Mr. Olmsted were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That it be referred to Dr. Harris to prepare a communication to the Secretary of the Interior, in regard to the immediate completion of the grading of the hospital site in Judiciary Square.

Dr. Harris, from the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, reported that the committee had audited and examined the account and vouchers therefor, and find the same correct, and that there was a balance to the credit of the Treasurer at the date of his Report of one thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty-seven cents; which report was, on motion, adopted.

The President reported the result of conference with General Marcy, and that orders were to be forthwith issued carrying out certain of the recommendations of the Commission in regard to the use of the Kalorama Hospital for small-pox patients, the establishment of a guard around it, the removal of encampments, the employment of special ambulances, &c.

On motion, Mr. George Gibbs, of Steilacoom, Washington Territory, was elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

A report from Dr. Harris, on the Control of Domestic Pestilence in Camps, was referred to the Committee on Medical Publications.

On motion, adjourned, to meet again at the call of the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MARCH 4, 1862—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10 a. m.
Present—The President, Dr. Howe, Dr. Gibbs.
Adjourned to 12 m.

TWELVE M.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The President, Dr. Howe, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Olmsted.

E. W. Blatchford, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Chicago Branch of the Commission, and Mr. Schoenberger, of Cincinnati Branch, being also present, were invited to attend the meetings of the Commission.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Commission on the last day of the last session were read, amended, and as amended, approved.

The Medical Bill which has recently passed the Senate was read by the President and discussed.

Resolved, That the President of the Commission be requested to urge upon the Military Committee of the House of Representatives the passage of the bill drawn up by the Sanitary Commission as a substitute for the bill which has just passed the Senate.

At 1.45 the Commission adjourned, to meet at 8 p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4.

The Commission met at 8.30 o'clock.

Present—The President, Dr. Howe, Bishop Clark, Dr. Gibbs, and Mr. Olmsted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that he had called upon Mr. Blair, the Chairman of the Military Committee in the House, and stated the results of his conversation with him in relation to the bill for the reorganization of the Medical and Surgical Bureau.

The Secretary read a report from Dr. Andrew, Inspector at Beaufort, South Carolina.

The Secretary then read a printed communication from Dr. Watson, of Staten Island, in relation to Scurvy.

On motion, the thanks of the Association were returned to Dr. Watson.

The Secretary then read a communication from Mr. J. E. Carver, dated at Hilton Head, and relating to the subject of Diet.

The Secretary then read a report from Dr. H. K. Oliver, an Inspector of the Commission, detailed to the Department of the Potomac.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

MARCH 5, 1862.

At 10.30 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The President, Prof. Bache, Hon. Mark Skinner, Dr. Howe, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Clark, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Strong, and Mr. Olmsted.

The Treasurer presented his report, bearing date 4th inst., showing a balance to his credit on the 28th of February last, of seven thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars and thirty-nine cents, ($7,294.39.)

On motion,

Resolved, That said report be referred to a committee, consisting of Prof. Bache and Dr. Howe, to audit and examine.

A communication from the Cincinnati Auxiliary Association was read, accrediting Messrs. Baker, Anderson, Shoenberger, and Baldwin to the Commission as its representatives.

The Secretary read his report of the operations of the Central Office since 1st December last; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Baker read an account of an expedition organized by the Cincinnati Branch to visit Fort Donelson by steamboat, immediately after the engagement there.

Dr. J. S. Newberry presented his report of operations in the valley of the Mississippi.

Resolved, That having received a direct and painfully interesting account from the Cincinnati Branch, in the person of delegates to the Central Board, of their visit with supplies to Fort Donelson, that Dr. Newberry, our Assistant Secretary for that department, be required to prepare in concert with the delegates from Cincinnati, a detailed report to the Commission at the earliest moment with regard to the medical service at Fort Donaldson, and the proceedings and experience of the Sanitary Commission, its branches and agents in connection therewith.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to visit the model hospitals now in course of erection pursuant to recommendations of the Commission, and ascertain in what state of forwardness they are. Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Howe, were appointed such committee.

Dr. Agnew on behalf of the Committee on Medical Publications, reported a series of printed documents, lettered respectively from A to M.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Resolved, That Friday morning next be devoted to the consideration of the present and future relation of the Commission towards Government, and its financial position and prospects.

The Commission adjourned to meet this evening at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 1862.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment at 8 p. m.

Present—The President, Bishop Clark, Hon. Mark Skinner, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. Elisha Harris, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Mr. G. T. Strong, and Mr. Olmsted.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports from Dr. Douglas and Prof. Warriner were read.

A copy of a report from Rev. J. G. Forman, Secretary to the St. Louis Sanitary Commission, to Major General Halleck, on the sanitary condition of troops at Fort Benton, was read.

Mr. Olmsted offered the following resolution, which was, on his motion, laid on the table for future consideration.

Resolved, That the Commission is convinced that the custom of allowing soldiers slightly ill to remain in their tents or quarters, is a bad one, and the Commission advise that such change be made in the regulations that all men on the sick list shall be immediately separated from the well men.

Resolved, That to,morrow, the 6th inst., be devoted to the reading of the remaining special reports of Inspectors.

The Commission then adjourned to meet on Thursday morning at 10.30 a. m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1862.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The President, Mr. Strong, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Bishop Clark, and Hon. Mark Skinner.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted an informal report from Dr. Geo. A. Blake, Inspector at Ship Island.

A letter from Mr. Higginson, Treasurer of New England Womans' Auxiliary Association, was read.

Dr. Howe gave notice of the following resolution,

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated to printing, binding, and circulating volumes to be compiled by the Secretary from the reports of the Inspectors of the Commission.

The Report of Dr. Reed, Inspector, on the condition of thirty-nine regiments in western Kentucky, visited during the two months immediately preceding the date of his report, was read.

The report of Dr. Aigner on the condition of troops in the district of Cairo during the months of December and January, was read.

The report of Dr. Jenkins during the last three months, on the condition of the Army of the Potomac, was read.

The report of Dr. L. H. Steiner on the condition of the force under Major General Banks, was read.

The President reported a letter from Mrs. Kemble, offering to give a public reading in aid of the funds of the Sanitary Commission.

Resolved, That the arrangements be referred to the Secretary, with power.

The following resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Commission very gratefully acknowledge the promptness, zeal, and efficiency of the Cincinnati Branch, in its large provision and immediate application of hospital supplies, surgeons, and nurses for the sick and wounded, after the glorious victory of Fort Donelson; and that it welcomes this large and eminently weighty delegation now in attendance upon the session of the Central Board, with the most cordial and respectful fellowship.

Resolved, That the Delegates be requested to carry back with them to the Cincinnati Branch our best salutations, and to congratulate them on the wisdom, zeal, and humanity with which they have thus far conducted our common affairs in their own department of sanitary labor.

Resolved, That the donation of five hundred dollars, lately contributed to the Treasury of the Central Commission by the Cincinnati Branch, deserves our special notice, as it has our warmest gratitude.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission fully recognize the value and interest of the report made by the Auxiliary Commission, Cincinnati, of their proceedings for the relief of the Volunteer army immediately after the late battle at Fort Donelson; and believing it of importance to the public service that the facts therein contained be generally known, respectfully recommends and requests that the same be forthwith printed for the information of the public at large.

On motion, the Commission adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Dr. S. G. Howe, Fred. Law Olmsted, Hon. Mark Skinner, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. Elisha Harris, G. T. Strong, Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Dr. Howe took the chair.

The Secretary read the report of Dr. Edward A. Crane, on the condition of the divisions of General Fitz John Porter and General Smith, forming part of the Army of the Potomac.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The Secretary read the report of Dr. Robert Ware on the condition of the forces at Newport News, Fortress Monroe, Annapolis, and Poolesville.

Rev. Dr. Bellows took the chair.

The report of Dr. C. D. Griswold, late Inspector of Camps and Hospitals in Western Virginia, was read.

Also, a special report from Dr. Griswold on the condition of General Landers's division.

The report of Dr. W. M. Chamberlain on the divisions of Generals McDowell, Blenker, Keys and Casey, and certain detached regiments and corps, was read.

Friday, March 7, 1862.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Elisha Harris, Geo. T. Strong, Hon. Mark Skinner.

The minutes of the last evening's session were read and approved.

Dr. Newberry, on the part of the Committee on the proceedings of the Cincinnati delegation after the engagement at Fort Donelson, reported progress.

Resolved, That the subject be referred back to the committee.

A communication from Dr. Antisell, on the present organization of the Medical Staff was read.

A motion was made for the appointment of a committee to make an appeal to the clergy of the loyal States for collections in their respective churches for the aid and relief of the Volunteer army through the Sanitary Commission; which was, on motion, laid on the table for future consideration.

A motion was made that the whole subject of finance be referred to the Executive Committee, with power; which was laid on the table for future consideration.

On motion, adjourned to the evening, at 8 p. m.

Friday, March 7, 1862—Evening.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D.; Mr. Parker, Chicago; Mr. Blatchford, Chicago; Mr. Schoenberger, Cincinnati; Mr. Baldwin, Cincinnati; Mr. Lars Anderson, Cincinnati; Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Geo. T. Strong, Dr. Elisha Harris, Hon. Mark Skinner, Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Dr. S. G. Howe, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. C. R. Agnew.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Dr. Gibbs, from the Committee to inquire into the condition of unfinished Hospitals on Judiciary Square and the Stone farm, reported verbally that the hospitals are about two-thirds finished—that the Judiciary Square being more advanced than the one on Stone farm. The Committee further reported, that the hospitals are well constructed, but that there are some deviations from the original design furnished by the Sanitary Commission, which the committee cannot approve; that the construction is about to be suspended, on account of an insufficient supply of lumber, according to the statement of the Superintendent, and that it would require about a month to finish the buildings.

The report was, on motion, accepted.

Resolved, That the Hospital Committee be instructed to call on the Quartermaster General, and call his attention to certain departures from the design furnished by the Commission, and also to urge the immediate completion of the buildings.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Secretary of War, reported by their chairman, Dr. Bellows, the result of an interview with the Secretary this afternoon.

Resolved, That 100 copies of the order of Dr. Finley, Surgeon General, of the 15th of June last, and of the order of the Secretary of War of this date, confirming the same, be printed, and that the Secretary of the Commission procure the same to be certified as copies, by the proper officer of the War Department.

Dr. Newberry presented a report on the proceedings of the Cincinnati Branch of the Commission after the late battle of Fort Donelson.

Resolved, *unanimously*, That the report be accepted and immediately printed under the direction of Dr. Newberry, and circulated as widely as possiple..

Resolved, That letters be addressed to each Branch of the Sanitary Commission, requesting them to raise funds for the central treasury, and that each undertake to provide not less than the following sums per month for the six months next, succeeding the 1st day of April next (unless the Volunteer

Army should be sooner disbanded,) viz: the Boston associates, $1,000, to be collected in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Providence, $200, Rhode Island; New Haven, $300, Connecticut; New York, $2,000, New York and New Jersey; Philadelphia, $500, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; Western Associates, $700, Western States.

Resolved, That the subject of finance be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

Adjourned to Saturday, 8th inst. at 10.30 a. m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1862.

The Commission met at half-past ten a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., Dr. Van Buren, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. Elisha Harris, Geo. T. Strong, and Dr. Newberry.

The President laid before the Commission a letter to H. Osborn, President Illinois Central Railroad Company, conveying to him the thanks of the Commission for services and facilities liberally furnished it by him; which was, on motion, approved.

A bill of Messrs. Wood Bros., of $125.00 for a water cart furnished in August last, was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

Dr. Howe, from Committee on the Treasurer's report, reported that the Treasurer's report was correctly cast, and properly vouched, and that the balance to the credit of the Commission is therein correctly stated; which report was, on motion, approved.

On motion of Dr. Howe,

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be reserved by the Treasurer, and set apart as a publication fund.

The Secretary laid before the Commission a letter from Dr. Franklin B. Hough, in regard to statistics of wounds.

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Commission, the value of the records in the Surgeon General's Office is not sufficient to justify the Commission in assuming the expense of publishing an index thereto.

A communication was read from Mr. Elliot in regard to an interview with the Surgeon General.

Resolved, That Mr. Elliot be furnished with a copy of the order of the Secretary of War and Surgeon General.

Adjourned to this evening at 8 p. m.

[There was no formal session on the evening of March 8th, as was intended, so that the eighth meeting of the Commission virtually closed at the termination of the morning session of March 8, 1862.]

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

The Sanitary Commission opened its ninth session at No. 244 F street, Washington, on the 16th September, 1862, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, President; Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, W. H. Van Buren, M. D., C. R. Agnew, M. D., Wolcott Gibbs, M. D., G. T. Strong, Brig. Gen. G. W. Cullum, U. S. A., Horace Binney, Jr.

Hon. John J. Clark Hare, Associate Member from Philadelphia, attended the meeting.

Resolved, That any stores of the Commission, taken charge of by the Philadelphia Agency when the hospital transports of the Commission were turned over to the Government, be held and used by the Philadelphia Agency at its discretion.

Resolved, That the subject of hospital inspection be taken up.

Dr. Jenkins read his report to the General Secretary; which was, on motion, approved, and referred to Mr. Olmsted.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Dr. Van Buren and Dr. Agnew, with Dr. Jenkins, be appointed to prepare a scheme of regulations for obtaining a daily record of the inmates of all hospitals in Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown.

The Treasurer presented his report, dated 10th September, inst., showing a balance in favor of the Commission on that date of $25,733.17, and an aggregate of contributions received since the organization of the Commission of $158,591.80.

On motion of Dr. Van Buren, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and referred to Mr. Binney and Prof. Gibbs.

On motion of Dr. Agnew, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to address a note to the various Branches and Offices of the Sanitary Commission, requesting that a full statement of all the receipts and disbursements of money and hospital supplies, up to the 1st instant, be sent to the Washington Office at the earliest moment, with the view of obtaining a correct record of the aggregate amount of money and stores passing through the hands of the Commission.

Adjourned to this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Frederick Law Olmsted, Secretary; Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Gen. G. W. Cullum, U. S. A., Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Dr. C. R. Agnew, G. T. Strong.

Dr. Hammond, Surgeon General U. S. A., and Dr. Vollum, Medical Inspector U. S. A., and Hon. J. J. C. Hare, attended the meeting.

The report of Dr. Chamberlain, on the sanitary history of the advance of the Army of the Potomac to Centreville, March, 1862, was read.

The reports of Dr. Hughes and Dr. Crane on the same march were read.

The report of Dr. Edward A. Crane, on sanitary and surgical observations in military hospitals after the battle of Winchester, 23d March, was read.

Resolved, That the Commission wait on General Halleck at 7 p. m., to-morrow.

Adjourned to 10 a. m., to-morrow, the 17th instant.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1862.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Olmsted, Bishop Clark, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Binney, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Hon. Mark Skinner, and Mr. Strong.

The President read a letter to be addressed to Major General Halleck; which was amended and approved.

Dr. Van Buren reported verbally on behalf of the committee on a General Hospital Directory for Washington and its vicinity.

On motion,

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

Bishop Clark presented a written report on the condition of the United States Hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I., showing large payments by the Rhode Island Agency of the Commission for the purchase of beds, clothing, and other articles which Government provides under existing regulations.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and placed on file.

A communication was received from Mr. Collins, Superintendent of the New York Agency of the Commission, stating that a schooner-load of fresh vegetables was on its way to New York from Branford, Connecticut, and asking instructions as to its disposition.

Resolved, That Mr. Collins be instructed to store the vegetables, and send them to New Orleans with Dr. Blake by the first Government transport, and that he be at liberty to send them to any other point on the Southern coast, if an earlier opportunity offers.

Resolved, That Bishop Clark be requested to send to the Executive Committee copies of all bills for supplies for the Portsmouth Grove Hospital which Government is bound to furnish, with certificate of the surgeon in charge that such supplies were necessary.

Resolved, That Bishop Clark be empowered to raise and dis-

burse money and hospital stores for the benefit of Portsmouth Grove Hospital, and that he be directed to report monthly to the central office of the Commission the extent and character of his labors.

Resolved, That Rev. W. H. Hadley be requested to act as collecting agent for the Commission in the States of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission are due, and are hereby tendered, to Rev. W. H. Hadley and Rev. Horatio Stebbins, of Portland, Maine, for their active, untiring, and most successful exertions on behalf of the Commission in the State of Maine.

The report of Dr. Chamberlain on the sanitary condition of the Army of the Potomac, from the breaking up of its winter quarters to the 20th July last, was read.

A committee on behalf of the New York State Agency of Relief attended the meeting for conference in regard to concerted action.

Adjourned to this evening, at a quarter before 7.

EVENING.

The Commission met at 8 p. m., after an interview, by appointment, with Major General Halleck.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, Horace Binney, Jr., Hon. Mark Skinner, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. Samuel G. Howe, Dr. Elisha Harris, Fred. Law Olmsted, and Geo. T. Strong.

Dr. Hammond, Surgeon General U. S. A., and Hon. George Hoadley, President of the Cincinnati Associates of the Commission, were present.

The reading of Dr. Chamberlain's report was resumed.

Dr. Douglas read his report of inspection of the military hospitals of Fortress Monroe and its vicinity.

Resolved, That Dr. Agnew and Dr. Harris have leave of

absence, to proceed to the front of the army under General McClellan, in charge of the supply wagons sent on by the Commission to-night.

Resolved, That it be referred to Dr. Gibbs to make an examination of the tea and coffee issued by the Commissary Department.

Mr. Olmsted submitted telegraphic instructions to Wm. Platt, Jr., Superintendent of Philadelphia Agency, in regard to supplies; which were approved.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to take out policies of insurance on the property in the storehouses of the Commission.

Adjourned to to-morrow, 18th inst., at 10 a. m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1862—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Binney, Judge Skinner, Bishop Clark, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Howe, and Mr. Strong.

The Surgeon General and Hon. Geo. Hoadley were present.

On the report and recommendation of the Executive Committee,

Resolved, That it be referred to the President and Secretary to appoint a suitable person to organize a system of hospital visitation and daily registry, and of periodical bulletins of the number, names, &c., of patients in the hospitals of Washington and vicinity.

The Secretary reported, that since the commencement of active operations in Maryland and previous to yesterday, five wagons and one railroad car, loaded with supplies, had been sent by the Commission to and beyond Frederick; that six Surgeons and Inspectors of the Commission, with a car-load of supplies, were sent on yesterday afternoon; that three wagons left Washington for the front of the army on the Upper Potomac a

12 o'clock last night, with a party of eight, in charge of Drs. Agnew and Harris; that a train of army wagons are now loading with supplies, to be despatched immediately for the battle-field, also by the way of Frederick; that Dr. Crane had been previously stationed at Chambersburg or Hagerstown, with large discretionary powers, to act for the Commission; and that dispatches had been sent to Philadelphia, ordering the purchase of large supplies at that point; that these, with stores forwarded from the North, should be forwarded to Hagerstown, in charge of Special Agents.

Resolved, That stores be sent on from New York and Boston to Philadelphia, and that Philadelphia be the principal depot of the Commission for the present.

A report was presented from Mr. Caleb Cope, Treasurer of the Philadelphia Associates, showing a balance now in the treasury of fourteen thousand seven hundred and sixteen dollars and fifty-two cents, and an aggregate of receipts by him, as such Treasurer, amounting to thirty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents.

Dr. Gibbs moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine into and report upon the condition of the hospitals of Judiciary Square and the Stone Farm, and report to the Commission during its present session.

The Chair appointed Dr. Van Buren, Bishop Clark, and Dr. Gibbs such committee.

On motion of Dr. Howe,

Resolved, That a committee of —— be appointed, to consider the expediency of organizing a system of regular examination of the hospitals, and to report to this Commission.

The President, Dr. Van Buren, and Mr. Olmsted, were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That the committee be expected to report to-morrow.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be added to the committee.

A despatch was received from Dr. Agnew, calling for additional medical supplies and anæsthetic stimulants.

Ordered, That additional wagons be hired, if they cannot be obtained from the Quartermaster, and sent on forthwith with

the supplies called for, and that one hundred and fifty dollars be sent to Dr. Steiner at Frederick.

Adjourned to this evening.

EVENING.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Binney, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Mr. Strong.

In the absence of the President, Bishop Clark took the chair.

The details of the proposed hospital directory system were taken up.

The President appeared and took the chair.

Resolved, That the Secretary commence the formation of a Hospital Record, commencing it with the hospitals of Washington and its vicinity, and extending it further, as may be found practicable.

Dr. Howe presented a report of receipts and expenditures of the Boston Agency of the Sanitary Commission since March 1, 1862, showing a balance to its credit of four thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars.

On motion, the report was accepted, and referred to the Treasurer to audit.

Dr. Van Buren presented a report in writing, by Dr. ——, of New York, on the Judiciary Square hospital, specifying certain serious defects in police, food, &c., and great discontent among the patients.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and a copy be laid before the Surgeon General, with a note, stating that its author is a hospital surgeon of eminence in New York.

Resolved, That Dr. —— be requested to visit and report on the condition of the Stone Farm Hospital, and that the committee heretofore appointed for that purpose be discharged.

A communication was received from the representatives of the Consolidated Association of the Soldiers' State Relief

Agency; and, after discussion, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on General Halleck to-morrow, to obtain an answer to the propositions made to him on Wednesday evening last; and that, in case of a favorable answer, the Commission will wait on the President thereafter.

Dr. Bellows, Judge Skinner, and Bishop Clark were appointed such committee.

Dr. Bellows, on behalf of the Committee on Hospital Inspection, reported progress; and submitted a plan for the employment of civil surgeons of eminence, for periods of not less than a fortnight nor more than a month, at a rate of compensation not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per month, and the form of a circular letter, inviting surgeons to enter the service of the Commission as hospital inspectors on these terms.

Resolved, That the general recommendations of the report be approved, and the expenditure involved in its execution authorized, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1862—MORNING.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Judge Skinner, Mr. Binney, Bishop Clark, and Mr. Strong.

The committee appointed to confer with Major General Halleck reported the result of an interview with him.

The Treasurer reported that he had audited and examined Dr. Howe's report of the Boston Agency of the Commission, the accounts connected with it, and the vouchers therefor, and found the balance to be correct, and all items of expenditure properly vouched.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Olmsted presented a report on the general operations of the Commission since the last meeting, showing 1,008 inspections of regiments up to the present time.

Mr. Knapp presented a report on operations on the Peninsula connected with the transport service.

Information was received from General Tyler, through Hon. Mark Skinner, that the enemy is retreating across the Potomac, and that General McClellan is in active pursuit.

The Commission adjourned for five minutes, and the reading of Mr. Knapp's report was thereupon resumed.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Commission be communicated by the Secretary to Colonel Ingalls, U. S. A., Captain Sawtelle, U. S. A., for their humane and active co-operation with the agents of this Commission in their labors on the Peninsula.

Dr. Douglas read a report on the effect of the campaign of the Peninsula on the sanitary condition of the Army of the Potomac, and submitted a table showing results of inspection of 137 regiments.

Adjourned to this evening at seven o'clock.

EVENING.

The Commission met at 7 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Judge Skinner, Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Binney, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Strong.

Mr. Olmsted presented a report by Mr. Elliott, the Actuary of the Commission, on the Tabulation of Camp Inspection Returns.

Also, a report from Dr. Page, on the distribution of fresh vegetables and other like supplies, by the Commission, at Harrison's Landing.

Mr. Wm. E. Hagan, of Troy, was unanimously elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

The subject of a *medal*, to be awarded by the Commission for

special services, and of raising a special fund for that purpose, was referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

Dr. Bellows, from the committee appointed to inquire into the subject of relief to disabled soldiers, reported progress; that the committee had collected evidence on the subject, and had appointed Stephen Perkins, Esq., of Boston, a special agent to investigate institutions for that purpose in Europe; and reported also a letter of instructions to Mr. Perkins.

Resolved, That the letter of instructions be printed for the private use of Members of the Commission, with leave to distribute the same as they may think judicious. That the subject be referred back to the committee; that Prof. Bache be added to the committee; and that the committee be instructed to consider the question of an application to Congress on the subject.

On motion of Dr. Gibbs, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission owes it to itself and to the benevolent and patriotic community of which it is the organ, to give expression to its appreciation of the self-sacrificing, devoted, and heroic exertions of Dr. J. M. Grymes in the care of sick and wounded soldiers, in the transports and in the Soldier's Home, and in all the offices of humanity which have devolved upon him during his connection with the Commission.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission tenders to Dr. Grymes its warmest thanks, its most sincere acknowledgment of his eminent services, and the assurance of its earnest wishes for the restoration of his health and the continuance of his noble and useful labors.

Mr. Binney, on behalf of the committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's Report, presented a report in writing, that they had examined the same and the vouchers for the several payments, and that the balance to the credit of the Commission is twenty-five thousand four hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty cents.

Dr. Newberry presented a report of the operations of the Western Branch of the Commission, in the Valley of the Mississippi, since March last.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Commission be held

at Washington, on the 18th day of November next, at 10 o'clock a. m., unless sooner called by the Executive Committee.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at 9 a. m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1862—MORNING.

The Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 a. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Binney, Judge Skinner, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Gibbs, and Mr. Strong.

The report of Dr. Stephen Smith, on the condition of the Stone Farm (or Mount Pleasant) Hospital—

Resolved, That the Secretary lay the report, or a statement of its substance, before the Surgeon General.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to prepare an address to the President, in the name of the Commission, on the urgent necessity of a more stern and rigorous discipline in reference to the sanitary interests of the army and other reforms in the administration of the army.

The Commission then adjourned.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1862—MORNING.

The Sanitary Commission opened its tenth session at No. 244 F street, Washington, on Tuesday, November 18, 1862, at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Prof. Alex. D. Bache, F. L. Olmsted, Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Newberry, Horace Binney, Jr., Geo. T. Strong.

Mr. C. J. Stillé, Associate Member from Philadelphia, was also present.

The Treasurer presented his report, dated the 10th instant, showing a balance to his credit at that date of one hundred and seventy-four thousand one hundred and ninety-six dollars and fifty-eight cents; that the whole amount received from all sources since his appointment is four hundred and eleven thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars and five cents.

Ordered, That the report be referred to Mr. Binney and Dr. S. G. Howe, to examine and audit.

Ordered, That the Treasurer place five thousand dollars to the credit of the Washington Office.

A letter from Stephen H. Perkins, Esq., in regard to provision made by the Governments of Europe for invalid soldiers, was read.

The President read the report of the Executive Committee intended for the session of September 16 last.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and referred back to

the Executive Committee, with power to print the same as a document of the Commission.

A letter from the Quartermaster General, in regard to repairs and alterations in the United States Military Hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I., was read.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to memorialize Congress, at an early period in its next session, on the subject of an Ambulance Corps, and of independent transportation for the Medical Department; and that the same committee prepare resolutions on these subjects for immediate publication.

The Chair appointed Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Binney, and Mr. Olmsted.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed, before publishing any resolutions, to confer with General Halleck and the Quartermaster General on the two subjects referred to them.

The Secretary presented a report on the operations of the Commission on the Peninsula, especially in connection with the Hospital Transport Service.

Adjourned to this (Tuesday) evening, at 8 p. m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., Prof. A. D. Bache, Fred. Law Olmsted, Horace Binney, Jr., Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. S. G. Howe, Dr. Wm. H. Van Buren, Dr. J. S. Newberry, and Geo. T. Strong.

Also, the Surgeon General, General E. D. Keyes, Mr. Chas. J. Stillé, and Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott, Associates.

The report of George A. Blake, M. D., Inspector of the operations of the Commission at Ship Island, New Orleans, &c., was read; and, on motion, accepted and referred to the Secretary.

The report of Mr. John Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory, was read, showing that the system is now complete, and that 19,084 names of patients are now registered.

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, with the assistance of Mr. David A. Wells, to inquire into and report on the quality of the desiccated vegetables furnished to Government by the New York Desiccating Company, and to obtain such general information on the subject as may be of value to the Commission.

Dr. Van Buren, on behalf of the Medical Committee, presented the report of Dr. Henry G. Clark, as Superintendent of Special Hospital Inspection.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and printed as a document of the Commission, under direction of the Medical Committee.

Resolved, That the President be instructed to inform Dr. Clark of the sense entertained by the Commission of the ability and efficiency with which his duties as Superintendent of Special Inspection are performed.

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee to confer with Gen. Meigs on the wants of the Military Hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I.

Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Howe, Mr. Binney, and Mr. Olmsted were appointed such committee.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1862—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10 a. m.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., President. Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Horace Binney, jr., Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. S. G. Howe, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Prof. Alex. Dallas Bache, Dr. W. H. Van Buren, and George T. Strong.

Also, Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott and Mr. C. J. Stillé, Associates.

The President presented the report of the Executive Committee of its proceedings since the last meeting of the Commission; which was, on motion, accepted.

The President laid before the Commission a letter from Stephen H. Perkins, Esq., on the pension system of France, and on the organization of the Hotel des Invalides.

The report of Dr. Jenkins on the operations of the Commission in the Eastern Department, during the last two months, was read.

Mr. Binney presented a report by the Supply Committee of the Philadelphia Associates to their Executive Committee, laid before the Commission by its order, on the quantity of supplies forwarded to the Washington depot, by the Philadelphia Branch, and on the quantity now in the depot at Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the report be placed on file.

The following written reports of Special Inspections connected with the subjects embraced in Dr. Jenkins's report, were laid before the Commission:

Sept. 22, 1862. Dr. G. L. Andrew—On condition of Hospitals at Georgetown, D. C.

Sept. 26. Dr. T. B. Smith—On inspection of Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md.; 1st report.

Sept. 27. Dr. J. W. Page—On condition of the camp of convalescents, recruits, stragglers, and paroled prisoners, near Fort Ellsworth, Va.

Sept. 29. Dr. C. W. Brink—Inspection of Stone, Carver, Mt. Pleasant, and Columbian College Hospitals.

Sept. 29. Dr. T. B. Smith—Inspection of Casparis, Emory, Capitol, and Ebenezer Hospitals.

Sept. 30. Dr. T. B. Smith—Inspection of Harewood, Finley, and Eckington Hospitals.

Sept. 30. Dr. C. W. Brink—Inspection of Patent Office, Judiciary Square, Douglas, and Trinity Hospitals.

Oct. 1. Dr. T. B. Smith—Inspection of Armory Square, Ryland, Grace Church, Cranch, and Baptist Church Hospitals.

Oct. 1. Dr. C. W. Brink—Inspection of Union Chapel, Epiphany, and Ascension Hospitals.

Oct. 6. Dr. T. B. Smith—Inspection of Parole Camp at Annapolis, Md.; 2d report.

Oct. 8. Dr. J. W. Page—On a Commission Depot at Alexandria, Va.

Oct. 17. Dr. T. B. Smith—On inspection of Convalescent Camp, Alexandria, Va.

Oct. 18. Dr. J. W. Page—On condition of Camp Parole and the General Hospital at Annapolis, Md,

Oct. 31. Dr. I. N. Kerlin—On regimental and company funds.

Nov. 17. Statements as to the transportation of the 82d Regiment Illinois Volunteers from Chicago to Washington, made by Col. Hecker to Dr. I. N. Kerlin.

Nov. 17. Dr. E. A. Crane—On observation of military movements in Pennsylvania, September 10–21.

Nov. 18. Dr. George L. Andrew—On condition of Convalescent Camp near Annapolis, Md.

Mr. Olmsted read the report of Prof. Caldwell on Hospital Inspection and Supply, especially in relation to the prevention or detection of frauds by hospital stewards and nurses.

Also, report of Mr. H. G. Spalding on points connected with the hospital supply system.

General J. H. Bates and Mr. S. J. Broadwell, Associates from Cincinnati, attended the meeting.

A communication from Dr. J. N. Kerlin in reference to the transportation of the 82d Illinois Regiment, Col. Hecker, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee appointed to call on the Quartermaster General.

Mr. Olmsted presented a report on the relief operations of the Commission in Maryland and Virginia, from the battle of Cedar Mountain to the close of the campaign in Maryland.

On motion, referred to the Secretary, with instructions to publish as a document of the Commission.

Mr. Olmsted laid before the Commission vouchers for all supplies issued to the hospitals on the field of Antietam.

Dr. Jenkins presented a report of Inspection of Pennsylvania Militia Regiments at Harrisburgh and elsewhere, by Dr. E. A. Crane, Inspector.

Mr. Olmsted presented a report, by Mr. E. B. Elliott,

Actuary, on the sickness rates of the Army at the end of September last.

A letter from Dr. H. G. Clark, Chief Inspector, &c., was read.

Adjourned to 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Howe, Mr. Binney, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Strong.

Also, the Surgeon General, Mr. Stillé, Mr. Wolcott, Gen. Bates, and Mr. Broadwell, Associates.

The President reported a donation to the Commission by Mr. Wm. M. Noyes, of San Francisco, of 109 mats (48 lbs. each) of arrow root, and that a sample had been submitted to Dr. Torrey, of Columbia College, New York, who reports that it is a good article.

Resolved, That the Secretary return to Mr. Noyes the sincere thanks of the Commission for his timely and most liberal donation.

A report by Dr. I. N. Kerlin was read, on inspection of the 14th Massachusetts Regiment, with special reference to the formation of company funds and a regimental hospital fund.

Resolved, That Dr. Kerlin be requested to prepare for publication, under the supervision of the Secretary, a paper on the formation of company and other "funds," (embodying the substance of his report,) for the practical instruction of officers and men as to the advantage of such funds and the steps required to raise them.

Dr. Jenkins read reports on inspection and relief of camps of convalescents and paroled men at Alexandria and Annapolis.

Also, a report by Dr. Steiner on Hospitals at Sharpsburg, Hagerstown, Frederick, and elsewhere in Western Maryland.

Dr. Douglas made a verbal report on the condition of the Smoketown Hospital.

Dr. Gibbs read a report on the quality of tea and coffee issued by the Commissary Department and the Medical Purveyor, stating the samples examined were generally free from adulteration.

Resolved, That a copy of Dr. Gibbs's report, and of the letter from Dr. Torrey accompanying it, be sent to Major Shiras.

Dr. Douglas read a report on the operations for inspection and relief of the Army of the Potomac since October 16th.

Ordered, That the report be accepted and referred to the General Secretary.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at 10 a. m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1862—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., President; Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. S. G. Howe, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Prof. Alex. Dallas Bache, Dr. W. H. Van Buren, George T. Strong, Treasurer, and Horace Binney, Jr.

Also, the Surgeon General, General Bates, Mr. S. J. Broadwell, Mr. Charles J. Stillé, and Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott, Associates.

Mr. Leeds, Consulting Engineer for Heating and Ventilation of the Commission, read a report on the ventilation of hospitals; and it was thereupon

Resolved, That the report of Mr. Leeds be referred to Committee C for careful examination, with power to publish the report, or such parts of it as they may see fit.

Dr. Van Buren, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to memorialize Congress on the subjects of an Ambulance Corps and an independent transportation for the Medical Department, and to confer previously with General Halleck and

the Quartermaster General on the two subjects referred to, made a verbal report of the interviews which they had held with the two generals named, and asked leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subjects, and also from the further discharge of the duties assigned to them.

On motion, the request of the committee was granted, and the committee discharged.

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Commission the restoration of the regimental bands is desirable, not only as furnishing the only present substitute for an ambulance corps, but also from their beneficial influence on the *moralé* of the army.

Dr. Newberry read his General Report of the operations of the Commission in the West since his report in September last, and extracts from reports made to him by Inspectors during that period.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be requested to publish his Report and the papers accompanying the same, or such portions thereof as may be in his judgment expedient.

General Bates, Associate from Cincinnati, made a verbal statement and explanation as to the history of the Cincinnati Branch, and its views of its relations to the Commission.

Further statements on the same subject were made by Mr. Broadwell.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met at 6 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Binney Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Mr. Strong.

Also, Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott, Mr. Broadwell, and Gen. Bates, Associates.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That fifty thousand dollars be deposited in the sub treasury of the Commission at the West, for the purposes o the Commission.

After debate

Resolved, That the consideration of this resolution be made the special order for to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Mr. Binney, from the committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's Report, reported in writing that the committee had examined the same and found it correct, and that there was a balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 7th November of one hundred and seventy-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and forty-nine cents.

Resolved, That the minutes of the morning session of November 19th be corrected, by omitting the Schedule of Supplies furnished by the Branch organizations.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at 10 a. m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1862—MORNING.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Mr. Binney, Dr. Harris, Mr. Strong.

Also, Dr. H. G. Clark, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Stillé, and Mr. Horace Howard Furness, Associates.

The discussion of the resolution presented yesterday was resumed.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with Messrs. Bates and Broadwell on the subject of the claims put forward by the Branch Organization at Cincinnati.

Dr. Newberry was appointed such committee, and reported that the Cincinnati Associates would submit a proposition in writing.

Mr. Horace Howard Furness made a verbal report of work done by him in promoting the formation of supply organizations in aid of the Commission, at New Haven, Northampton, Springfield, Worcester, and other points in New England.

Mr. Olmsted read a paper on the executive organization of the Commission.

A written communication was received from Messrs. Bates and Broadwell, enclosing printed copies of a report, dated 12th November 1862, to the Cincinnati Branch of the Sanitary Commission, and stating that the report and resolutions appended thereto embodied the proposition made by them.

Mr. Binney offered the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the funds of the Sanitary Commission were confided to it in trust for the benefit of the whole army, East and West, and especially to enable the Commission to fulfill its great and primary duties of "inquiry and advice in respect to the sanitary interests of the United States forces."

2. *Resolved*, That the field of inquiry and advice is a purely national field, and one of which the cost is immense, and, like the field, of daily increasing extent and dimensions.

3. *Resolved*, That the Sanitary Commission cannot, without a breach of trust, place any portion of its funds at the uncontrolled discretion of any organization not directly responsible to the Commission and subject to its direction.

Which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, unanimously, That the general views embodied in Mr. Olmsted's paper on Executive Organization, be adopted as the views and policy of the Commission.

At the request of the Secretary,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to meet Mr. Olmsted's draft for fifty thousand dollars, to be deposited at the West for the general purposes of the Commission.

On motion, it was unanimously,

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission believe that the Cincinnati Branch have misapprehended the duties and responsibilities of this Commission, and trust that if these were fully presented to them, the action proposed in their report of November 12th would be reconsidered.

Resolved, therefore, That a committee be appointed to reply to the report presented to us by the Cincinnati delegation, in answer to our request to them for a clear statement of their wishes.

That our Committee be instructed to seek a conference with

the Cincinnati Branch, for the purpose of presenting our reply in person.

Resolved, That the General Secretary, as Executive Agent, be directed to prepare for that committee a statement of the organization and rules deemed by us necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Commission, and of the reasons of their necessity.

Resolved, That Horace Binney, jr., Esq., of Philadelphia, and Judge Skinner, of Chicago, constitute the committee of reply and conference, with power to add to their number.

On motion, adjourned to 7 p. m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Binney, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Strong.

Also, the Surgeon General, Mr. Horace Howard Furness, and Dr. H. G. Clark, Associates.

A report was received from Mr. Elliott respecting the occurrence of Hernia in the army and its causes.

Also, a paper on camp cooking, &c., by Dr. George C. Shæffer.

Resolved, That the salary of the General Secretary be increased to five thousand dollars per annum, in consideration of his devoting his whole time to the service of the Commission, and that such increase take effect from the 1st day of October last.

Resolved, That all propositions for the increase of salaries of employees of the Commission be referred, through the General Secretary to the Executive Committee, during the intervals between the sessions of the Board.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to report to the Board at each meeting an inventory of all property in possession of the Commission.

A communication was received from the Surgeon General in regard to the "Christian Commission."

Mr. Knapp, Special Relief Agent, read his report on the Soldier's Home.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and printed as a document of the Commission, and that Document No. 39 be reprinted with it.

Resolved, That the Commission suggest to the Philadelphia Branch to take in charge and give its particular attention to the inspection of the camps of drafted men in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Binney, by request of the Philadelphia Branch, reported a list of amounts expended at Philadelphia in the purchase of material and supplies by the Philadelphia Agency from September 1 to November 11, 1862, amounting in the whole to eighteen thousand two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and twenty nine cents.

Resolved, That the action of the Philadelphia Branch be approved, under the circumstances.

Dr. Newberry nominated as Associate Members Messrs. W. B. Belknap, Arthur Peter, Rev. D. P. Henderson, R. E. Meriesee, of Louisville, Ky., and Major Malcolm McDowell, U. S. A., who were unanimously elected.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be instructed to communicate with Dr. Robert Murray, U. S. A., Medical Director of the Department of the Cumberland, the high sense entertained by the Commission of the fidelity, humanity, and efficiency with which Dr. Murray has discharged his duties as such Director.

Resolved, That Dr. Steiner's report on the Campaign in Maryland be referred to the Executive Committee, with authority to publish, in whole or in part.

Resolved, That when the Commission adjourn, it adjourn to meet again on the call of the President.

Mr. Olmsted presented reports by Mr. Elliot, on statistics of Absence in the Army of the Potomac; on the Average Duration of Treatment in Regimental Hospitals and Quarters; on the Statistical Classification of the Diseases of the Army.

The Commission then adjourned.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1862—MORNING.

The Sanitary Commission met at the Office of the New York Agency, No. 823 Broadway, pursuant to the call of the Executive Committee, at 3 p. m.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., President; Prof. Bache, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. W. Gibbs, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Horace Binney, Jr., Dr. W. H. Van Buren, and Geo. T. Strong.

The President, on behalf of the Executive Committee, reported its minutes since the last meeting of the Commission.

The President stated that this meeting had been specially called in consequence of the attitude assumed by the Cincinnati Branch, in reference to funds received from California, and reported correspondence by telegraph and mail with San Francisco and Cincinnati on the subject.

The Treasurer presented his report, dated December 15, showing a cash balance on hand, at that date, of two hundred and thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventy-four cents, and that the whole amount of donations received since his appointment is five hundred and sixty thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars and seventy cents; which report was, on motion, accepted, and referred to Mr. Binney and Dr. Gibbs to examine and audit.

On motion, the members of the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund Association," of San Francisco, were severally elected Associate Members of the Commission.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock this evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1862—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., Prof. A. D. Bache, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Horace Binney, Jr., Dr. W. H. Van Buren, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Fred. Law Olmsted, Dr. C. R. Agnew, and Geo. T. Strong.

Also, Hon. J. J. Clark Hare, Associate Member from Philadelphia.

Hon. James W. Beekman, Mr. Brown, and Rev. Mr. Boardman, a committee representing the "Christian Commission," attended, and offered certain suggestions as to the advantage of co-operation between the two organizations.

Resolved, That inasmuch as it appears that the Sanitary Commission and the Christian Commission are agreed as to general principles, it be referred to the Executive Committee of the Sanitary Commission, with power to arrange the details of our relations with that body.

Mr. Olmsted presented a statement of the organization and rules deemed necessary to carry out the duties assigned the Commission, and of the reasons of their necessity.

Adjourned to to-morrow, (Tuesday,) at 10 a. m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1862.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Prof. A. D. Bache, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Binney, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Dr. Van Buren, and Mr. Strong; also, Hon. J. J. Clark Hare, and Mr. Charles J. Stillé, associates.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Treasurer deposit five thousand dollars with Messrs. Riggs & Co., to the credit of Mr. Olmsted.

Prof. Bache reported the result of inquiries made by him

the request of the Executive Committee, as to the sanitary condition and wants of the Navy, especially in regard to the alleged prevalence of scurvy; and that it appears, from conferences with Mr. Fox, the Assistant Secretary, and the chief of the Naval Medical Bureau, Dr. Whelan, that the precautions used against scurvy are sufficient—that the disease does not exist in the Navy at present—and that the naval service is not in want of aid, supplies, or money, from the Commission; and further, that the Western flotilla was expressly included in these statements.

Resolved, That Dr. Newberry be instructed to continue to give special attention to the condition and wants of the flotilla on the Mississippi.

The President read letters and telegrams in regard to donations received from California, and the subject of the relations of the Commission to the Cincinnati Branch was, on motion, taken up.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas in the first telegram from San Francisco, dated Sept. 20, 1862, announcing the enclosure of drafts for one hundred thousand dollars, for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers and seamen of the national army and navy, through the U. S. Sanitary Commission, the following expression occurs:

"The Committee wish, if there are branches of the Commission in St. Louis and Cincinnati, independent in their organization as regards money, that a portion of this sum should go to them."

And whereas in the letter accompanying the drafts, dated Sept. 19th, the following paragraph, more fully explanatory of the wishes of the donors, occurs:

"The disposition of the money ($100,000) is left entirely to your own good judgment and discretion, with this suggestion, that it was collected for the benefit of the sick and wounded of the Federal Army and Navy without distinction, and if there are in St. Louis and Cincinnati Branches of the Sanitary Commission independent in their organization, so far as money is concerned, it is the wish of the Committee that a proper pro-

portion of the amount may be sent to those Branches. What that proportion should be is left for you to determine."

And whereas in the telegrams announcing a second $100,000, instructions, which we obeyed, were given us to send $30,000 of this second sum to the St. Louis Commission, which we had informed California was not a Branch of ours, but wholly independent, and to which we had already, by like direction, sent $20,000 of the first $100,000;

And whereas it has become evident that an honest difference of opinion exists between the U. S. Sanitary Commission and some members of its Cincinnati Branch, as to the just distribution of the first sums received from California, and herein referred to;

And whereas, in the exercise of "our good judgment and discretion," and in the performance of the duty of determining "what proportion" should be assigned to the Cincinnati Branch, it has been made plain to us that our other and equally loyal and faithful Branches in the West, would take just exception to our assignment to the Cincinnati Branch, although specifically named, of the whole or an undue proportion of the fifty thousand dollars still remaining to the credit of the West, in the suggested division of the sums received from California, and above referred to;

Resolved, That for the sake of preserving harmony of feeling and action between the Commission and all its branches, it be referred with power, to a committee to be composed of the President of the Chicago Branch of the Sanitary Commission, Hon. Mark Skinner, of the Cincinnati Branch, Robert W. Burnett, Esq.; and of the Louisville Branch, T. S. Bell, M. D., to determine what disposition shall be made of the sum of $50,000, which sum the Treasurer is directed to pay to the order of these gentlemen or of any two of them.

On motion of Mr. Binney, the committee appointed to confer with the Cincinnati Commission (November 2d, 1862,) was discharged.

Resolved, (on motion of Dr. Gibbs,) That Dr. Agnew and Mr. Strong be a committee, with power to add to their number,

to visit the Western department and report on the sanitary condition of the same, at the next meeting of the Commission.

Adjourned to to-morrow, at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1862.

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Rev. Henry W. Bellows, D. D., Prof. A. D. Bache, LL.D., Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Horace Binney, jr., Dr. S. G. Howe, Fred'k Law Olmsted, Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, Dr. C. R. Agnew, and G. T. Strong; also, Mr. C. J. Stillé, and Hon. J. J. Clark Hare, Associates.

Mr. Binney presented the report of the committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurer's report, stating that the committee had examined and audited the same, and that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 12th inst. was two hundred and thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventy-four cents, which report was accepted.

Mr. Olmsted offered certain resolutions, which were, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee, with power.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee have power to modify the details of the resolutions in regard to salaries, passed at the meeting of the Commission held on 21st November last.

On motion of Prof. Bache,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to inform the Sanitary Commission whether scurvy exists among the crews of any of the vessels of the Navy, and whether supplies or assistance from the Commission are desired by the Department, in addition to those heretofore furnished.

Resolved, That an agent, with all necessary supplies, be put on board the Mississippi flotilla.

On motion of Prof. Bache,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to define in more detail than has hitherto been done, the duties of the officers of the Commission.

Resolved, That the chair appoint the committee, and that it report at its earliest convenience.

Mr. Olmsted offered the following resolution, which was passed :

Resolved, That Mr. Olmsted's paper on the executive organization of the Commission, read on Monday night, be printed, and that copies be sent to the members of the Special Committee of the Western Branches.

The president appointed Prof. Bache, Mr. Binney, and Mr. Strong, the committee to define the duties of the officers of the Commission.

On motion, the Commission adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

TWELFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1863—MORNING.

The Sanitary Commission met at the Central Office on F street, pursuant to the call of the President.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Binney, Dr. Gibbs, Judge Skinner.

Rev. John H. Heywood, of Louisville, was introduced by the President.

A letter was read from Dr. Bell, of Louisville, after which Mr. Heywood, in response to a question from the President, made some statements in regard to the condition of the Western Department.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee to report this evening on the order of business for the present meeting.

The Chairman appointed Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, and Dr. Gibbs.

Adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1863—EVENING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Gibbs, Prof. Bache, Dr. Howe, Judge Skinner, Mr. Binney.

Visitors—Gen. Hammond, Dr. Vanderpool, Mr. Heywood, Dr. Smith, U. S. A., Mr. Lyman.

Committee on the order of business for the present meeting reported. Report adopted.

The President read a letter from Mr. S. C. Hervey, of Boston, in relation to the treatment of our sick and wounded paroled or exchanged prisoners, on board of the flag-of-truce steamers. Letter referred to Mr. Knapp, Special Relief Agent, to report on the proper course to be pursued in such cases.

Mr. Binney read a letter from Dr. Joseph Parrish, of Philadelphia, in regard to the importance of canvassing the State of Pennsylvania for supplies suitable to the wants of sick and wounded soldiers.

On motion,

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to Mr. Binney and Mr. Olmsted, with power.

Dr. Agnew moved that a special committee be appointed to examine the condition of the so-called convalescent camp at Alexandria, and of the camps, barracks, and transport vessels in the neighborhood of New York; to report upon the same to the Commission, and to confer with the Military Committee upon the whole subject of barracks, transports, and treatment of troops *in transitu*.

The Chair appointed Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, and Dr. Harris.

On motion the President was added to the Committee.

Dr. Van Buren read the report of Dr. Henry G. Clark, Hospital Inspector in Chief, to the Medical Committee of the Sanitary Commission.

Ordered, That Dr. Clark's report be published as a document of the Commission.

Dr. Howe submitted a report of his receipts and expenditures since the last meeting of the Commission in Washington. Referred to Judge Skinner and Mr. Binney as auditing committee.

Adjourned till 10 a. m. of Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863—MORNING.

The Board met at 10 a. m., and adjourned to afford an opportunity for a committee to wait upon the Military Committee of the Senate.

The Board met again at 12 m.

Present—the President, Prof. Bache, Mr. Binney, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Howe, Judge Skinner, Mr. Olmsted, and Dr. Gibbs.

Visitors—Dr. H. G. Clark, Rev. Mr. Heywood, of Louisville, Kentucky.

The President reported verbally the results of the conference with members of the Military Committee.

Mr. Olmsted laid before the Board a communication from gentlemen of Boston on Hospital and Ambulance Corps.

The special order of the day, namely, the relations of the Commission to the Cincinnati Branch, was then taken up.

After a long and thorough discussion the whole subject was postponed until the evening session of the Board.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863—EVENING.

Present—the President, Prof. Bache, Mr. Binney, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Howe, Judge Skinner.

Visitors—Dr. Hammond, Surgeon General U. S. A., Dr. Smith, U. S. A., Dr. Vanderpool, Dr. Heywood, Dr. Clark.

The Treasurer's report and vouchers were received and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Mr. Binney and Dr. Howe.

Dr. Agnew read a report by Dr. T. B. Smith, Sanitary Inspector, on the condition of the convalescent camp at Alexandria, showing a very bad state of things—almost entire disregard of sanitary precautions. Report referred to the Committee appointed on Wednesday evening to bring certain

matters to the notice of the Military Committee, with instructions to present the same with their other documents.

Dr. Newberry gave some details of the operations of the Commission in the Western Department.

Dr. Gibbs made a brief verbal report on the subject of desiccated vegetables.

Judge Skinner made the following communication:

"I desire to decline acting as a member of the Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the disposition of the $50,000, placed by the United States Sanitary Commission subject to the order of such Committee, for the reason that I do not think such an appropriation of the contributions received from California would properly and justly meet the wishes of the contributors. In my view the money was contributed with the expectation that it would be used by the Commission in the prosecution of its great general work, and not in the restricted operations of any local organization. The expressions in the letter and telegraph received from California seem loosely based on the supposition that possibly the United States Sanitary Commission did not cover in its work the army of the West, but left that duty to local organizations in St. Louis and Cincinnati. As such is not the true condition of affairs, and inasmuch as a grant of a portion of the money received from California to the Cincinnati Branch, without giving to other Western branches a like amount would be considered partial, uncalled for, and unjust, and would injure their standing with the circle of their own contributors, and as no substantial benefit or advantage can possibly result to the great work in which we are engaged, I think the Commission should decline to make any unconditional and unqualified bestowal of its funds in the manner intimated by the terms of the resolutions designating the Committee and its duties. I make these suggestions with all deference to the Commission, and with the wish not to be considered as criticising its action at its meeting in December."

After which, on motion, the Committee appointed, December 16th, to decide on the distribution of the sum of $50,000 was discharged, and the communication of Judge Skinner ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The following preamble and resolution were then passed:

Whereas, two members of the committee of reference appointed at the last meeting of the Sanitary Commission to determine what disposal should be made of the sum of $50,000, so as to meet the wishes of the California donors as to the Western Department, have declined, for reasons assigned, to serve upon such committee of reference; and whereas, it has now become absolutely certain that the assignment of any portion of such money to a local organization would result in the most serious detriment to the interest of the forces in the West: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission, having carefully considered the whole intent and meaning of the letters and telegrams received from California, believe that it is not consistent with the wishes of the California donors to devote any portion of the money received from them to any local organization whatever, and admit simply the duty of expending the money, according to its best judgment, for the benefit of the national forces by land and water in all parts of the country, through agencies directly responsible to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Binney, unanimously

Resolved, That the sum of ——— dollars be placed at the disposal of the President of the Commission, to be expended by him at his discretion for the benefit of the sick and wounded of the army.

On motion, unanimously

Resolved, That the blank be filled by the insertion of "fifty thousand."

Judge Skinner and Mr. Binney, the committee appointed to audit the accounts of Dr. Howe, reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers, and found the same to be correct.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1863—MORNING.

Present—The President, Prof. Bache, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Mr. Binney, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Gibbs, Judge Skinner, Dr. Howe.

On motion of Dr. Agnew,

Resolved, That the subject of increasing the number of members of the Commission be referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Newberry, Prof. Bache, Mr. Binney, Judge Skinner, and Dr. Agnew.

Mr. Olmsted then presented a general view of the operations of the Commission under his charge.

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer from the date of the last settlement to the 17th instant, inclusive, reported that they have examined the account and vouchers, and have found the account correctly cast and properly vouched, and that the balance on hand in the treasury is $301,997 66, which sum is carried forward to the debit of the Treasurer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1863—EVENING.

Present—The President, Prof. Bache, Mr. Binney, Judge Skinner, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Howe, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry.

Upon the nomination of Judge Skinner the following gentlemen were elected Associate Members of the Commission: Ezra B. McCagg, Cyrus Bentley, A. G. Throop, and G. Cook, all of Chicago.

The Committee on additions to the number of members of the Commission, reported in favor of the nomination of Mr. J. H. Heywood, of Louisville, Kentucky.

On motion,

Mr. Heywood was unanimously elected.

Resolved, That the Commission authorize the election by the

Executive Committee of the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, and Fairman Rogers, of Pennsylvania, as Members of the Commission, if, after conference with those gentlemen, they should be nominated to the Executive Committee by a special committee, to be appointed for this purpose by the President.

Mr. Heywood, of Louisville, appeared and took his seat as a member of the Commission.

Dr. J. F. Jenkins read a report on operations of the inspection and relief force on the Atlantic and Gulf.

Mr. Olmsted then continued his general view of the operations of the Commission.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to insure the contents of our storehouses only when, in his judgment, it is necessary to do so.

A letter was received from Dr. Henry G. Clark, enclosing $72 as the gift of his children and their young schoolmates, being the proceeds of children's fair held by them, and asking that the money be placed in charge of the General Secretary as a contribution toward his plan of establishing a Sanitary Commission medal. It was ordered that the money be so disposed of.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1863—MORNING.

Present—The President, Prof. Bache, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Olmsted, Judge Skinner, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Howe, and Dr. Gibbs.

Judge Skinner read a letter from Mr. Price, Treasurer of the Iowa State Army Sanitary Commission, introducing Mr. Kynett, of that Commission, and asking to be admitted as a branch of the United States Sanitary Commission.

Resolved, That Mr. Olmsted and Dr. Newberry be a committee with power to confer with Mr. Kynett, and conclude an arrangement with him.

On motion the Committee on Organization appointed at the

New York meeting was discharged, and a new committee appointed, consisting of the President, Prof. Bache, and Mr. Olmsted.

Two resolutions offered, respecting the relative duties of the General Secretary and the Executive Committee, were referred to the Committee on Organization, with power.

The following resolutions, offered by the President of the Commission, were adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That the Board do not approve the separation of the Western Department from the superintendence of the General Secretary, and must continue to hold him responsible for it; that they direct that he shall, within a fortnight, unless by express release from the President, start on a tour of observation through the Western field; and that having once surveyed it, he shall co-ordinate the Western Department with the Central Office, holding the Western Secretary responsible for weekly reports to him; and that Dr. Newberry be instructed to hold direct official communication only with the General Secretary. Passed.

Resolved, 2d, That in the judgment of the Board, the greatest respect should be paid to Dr. Newberry's experience and judgment in the affairs of the Western Department, and that the peculiarities of the Western position require more flexibility in the arrangements than are found necessary in the East. Passed.

Resolved, 3d, That the Board has the fullest confidence in the zeal and devotion of the Western Secretary, and great admiration and gratitude for the able manner and the excellent spirit in which he has performed his laborious and delicate duties.

Resolved, 4th, That the regular meetings of the Board shall hereafter be held quarterly, on the second Tuesday of March, June, September, and December. Passed.

The Commission then adjourned.

THIRTEENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1863—59 EAST 20TH STREET, 10.30 A. M.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Strong, Dr. Clark, Dr. Harris, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew.

Prof. Fairman Rogers appeared and took his seat as a Member of the Commission.

The Secretary presented the following documents, the whole or parts of each were read:

Report to Frederick Law Olmsted, General Secretary of the Sanitary Commission, by J. Foster Jenkins, Associate Secretary, April 30, 1860.

Appendix.

1. Report of Dr. L. H. Steiner, January–April, 1863.
2. " " " on Inspection of U. S. A. Hospitals at Cumberland, Maryland, February 5, 1863.
3. Report of Dr. L. H. Steiner, of Tour of Inspection, on
4. " " " visit to Annapolis, Md.
5. " " Dr. J. W. Page, on the Sanitary Administration of the Department of North Carolina, from February 18 to July 10, 1862.
6. Report of Dr. George A. Blake, New Orleans, to April 1, 1863.
7. Report of Dr. Julius Nichols, Inspector, at Norfolk, Va., and vicinity, from February 14 to April 1, 1863.
8. Report of Dr. Julius Nichols, concerning Visit to the State Lunatic Asylum, at Williamsburg, Va.
9. Report of Dr. J. Nichols concerning Feigned Diseases.

10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Report of Dr. J. Nichols to Dr. Kerlin, in January, 1863, concerning Special Relief at Acquia Creek, the Lodge, and a Visit to Windmill Point Hospital.

15, 16, 17. Reports of Dr. J. Kerlin, February 14, including Reports from Dr. Nichols and Messrs. E. F. Fay and E. Abbott.

18. Report of Dr. I. N. Kerlin, March 17, including Reports from Drs. McDonald and Swalm, and Messrs. J. Warner Johnson, Wm. Harris, W. F. Haywood, and E. Abbott.

19*a*. Report (Quarterly) of Dr. I. N. Kerlin, March 31.

19*b*. Map of Positions.

20. Quarterly Exhibit of Requisitions for above.

21. Report of Dr. Charles Gray, on Mule Transportation.

22. Report of Mr. G. C. Caldwell, Hospital Visitor, April 8, 1863.

23. Copy of Order (F. L. O.) of February 16, dividing Department of Atlantic and the Gulf.

24. Roster of Persons employed out of New York by the Sanitary Commission, except those of the Western and Southern Departments.

The President read a letter from Dr. Douglas, in relation to the recent action of Dr. Crane and Dr. Blake, in the Department of the Southwest, in connection with statements made by the Agents of the Christian Commission; also, a letter from Dr. Crane, relating to the action of the Christian Commission in New Orleans.

A resolution was then passed, directing that a copy of the letter to Dr. Crane be transmitted to Mr. Nathan Bishop, Chairman Christian Commission.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Commission cordially endorse and approve the resolution of the Executive Committee, appreciating the eminent services of Dr. J. Foster Jenkins, late Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

Report of the Treasurer, George T. Strong, Esq., read and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Prof. Bache and Prof. Rogers.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1863—EVENING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Olmsted, Dr. Clark, Dr. Heywood, Prof. Rogers, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew.

The Secretary read some notes on the statistics collected by the Commission.

The report of the Committee on Organization was received, and laid upon the table for future consideration.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1863—MORNING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Clark, Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Heywood, Dr. Harris, Prof. Rogers, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew.

The Secretary read a statement of the gross receipts and issue of goods by the Commission.

The Secretary read a statement of Documents published and issued by the Commission.

Mr. Heywood gave a verbal account of the action of the Commission in the Western Department.

Mr. Knapp read the Fifth Report on Special Relief.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Knapp's report be referred to the Committee on Organization for revision and publication.

The Secretary read again the plan proposed by the Special Committee on Organization for the reorganization of the Supply Department.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13—10 A. M.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Dr. Clark, Mr. Olmsted, Prof. Rogers, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris.

On motion, Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott, of Boston, was unanimously elected a Member of the Commission.

The Committee on Organization reported that the Ho[illegible]. Schuyler Colfax declines the position of Member of the Boar[illegible].

Mr. Wolcott appeared and took his seat as a Member of th[illegible]e Commission.

The following resolutions, together with the scheme of organization for the Supply Department, were then unanimously adopted, subject to revision by the Committee on Organization.

Resolved, That the Special Committee on Organization, consisting of the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary, be charged with the duty of organizing a Department of Ways and Means, to consist of not less than three members. That this Department shall take measures to secure necessary funds for the Treasury; that it shall from time to time make appropriations of money, to be expended in different departments of the Commission's service, as occasion may require and the state of the Treasury may justify; that it shall prescribe, and take measures to secure, proper accounts and vouchers, and the auditing of the same, for all expenditures made in behalf of the Commission; that the Treasurer shall be the executive officer of this department.

Resolved, That the same committee be charged with the duty of organizing a Department of Inquiry and Advice, under which all the Inspectors of the Commission shall be employed.

Resolved, That the same committee be charged with the duty of organizing an Invalid Relief Department, under which shall be managed all the business heretofore classified as Special Relief, and such other business as the committee may determine.

Resolved, That it is a legitimate object for the appropriation of the funds of the Commission to organize arrangements for the relief of discharged and disabled soldiers and seamen, by procuring employment for them, and otherwise.

Resolved, That as the organization of the proposed Invalid Relief Department may not be readily accomplished, the Special Committee on Organization, together with the Department of Ways and Means, when organized, may take any immediate action which they may deem desirable for the benefit of invalids.

Resolved, That the Committee on Organization be authorized to appoint, subject to the approval of the Commission at a future meeting, such additional Members of the Commission as may be found necessary to accomplish the purposes had in view by the Commission in the resolutions passed at this session, providing for changes of organization.

The following reports and papers were then presented by the General Secretary, and each read in whole or in part:

General Report of Dr. Douglas, Associate Secretary of Eastern and Southern Departments.

Reports on the Army of the Potomac.

Dr. Kerlin's "Report of Field Work," from April 1 to May 15.

1. Diary, April 1 to May 15, 1863.
2. Transportation of Commission's Supplies by Government.
3. Dr. McDonald's Report.
4. Mr. James Gale's "
5. " Edward Abbott's Report.
6. " N. Murray's "
7. Dr. Wm. F. Swalm's "

Dr. Steiner's Brief Report on Operations in the Army of the Potomac, May 15 to June 1.

1. Plan of Organization.
2. Dr. Stearn's Report for week ending May 23.
3. " " " " " " " 30.
4. " Swalm's " " " " " 23.
5. " " " " " " " 30.
6. " " " of Casualties at the Battle of Chancellorsville, in 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, and 6th Corps.
7. Dr. McDonald's Report, of May 19.
8. " " " " 20.
9. " " " " 21.
10. " " " " 27.
11. Mr. Page's Relief Agent Report for week May 23.
12. " " " " " " " " 30.
13. " Murray's " " " " " " 23.

14. Mr. Murray's Relief Agent Report for week May 30.
15. " Gale's " " " " " " 23.
16. " " " " " " " " 30.
17. " Hame's " " " " " " 23.
18. " Johnson's " " " " " " 30.
19. " H. N. Bellows's Relief Agent Report for week May 30.
20. Communication from Dr. Steiner, relative to Christian Commission.
21. Monthly Report Sanitary Commission Lodge, Aquia, for April, May, 1863.

Reports on Defences at Washington—Dr. Brink.

1. Report for week ending May 30.
2. Reports for ten days ending June 10.

Reports on Army of Virginia.

Resume of Dr. Nichols's Weekly Reports.

1. Dr. Nichols's report of June 8 for the month of May.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the treasurer reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers, and find the same to be correct. Report adopted and the committee discharged.

Report of Dr. Henry G. Clark on hospital inspection read. Report referred to the medical committee, with power to publish such portions or abstracts of the same as they may deem of interest to the medical profession.

On motion,

Resolved, That the scheme of republishing the medical documents of the commission be referred to the medical committee, with power.

Report of Mr. Bowne on the hospital directory read.

Resolved, That the President be requested to express to Mr. Bowne the gratification felt by the Board at the success which has attended his efforts in the establishment of a hospital directory.

The report of Dr. Kerlin on the field work of the army of Potomac was read.

On motion,

Resolved, That the hospital cars be transferred to the medical department.

On motion,

Resolved, That Dr. Gibbs be added to the Committee on Organization.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Organization be charged with the duty of making all arrangements necessary to carry out the intentions of the Commission in the general scheme of organization this day adopted.

Adjourned.

FOURTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1863—MORNING.

The Commission opened its morning session at 244 F street, Washington, D. C., at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—Prof. A. D. Bache, LL.D., Vice President, Horace Binney, jr., Esq., Prof. Fairman Rogers, G. T. Strong, Esq.; also, Mr. C. J. Stillé, Associate from Philadelphia.

The Secretary presented an order of business.

Resolved, That the same be adopted.

The Executive Committee reported its minutes since the last meeting of the Commission, which were accepted and laid on the table.

Prof. Bache made a verbal report on the action of the Committee on Organization.

The Treasurer presented his report, showing balance in treasury, October 1st, of $129,130 23. The following extract from the report exhibits the sum of receipts from the organization of the Commission, classified as to localities whence contributed, and also the monthly disbursements and receipts of the six months ending October 1st.

The whole amount received by the Treasurer from all sources, since his appointment, is eight hundred and fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and fifteen and thirty-three hundredths dollars, ($857,715 33.)

The sources from which this sum has been received are, as nearly as they can be ascertained, as follows:

New York	$143,325 68
People of New England	6,683 75
Maine	15,937 78

New Hampshire	1,598 05
Vermont	1,915 81
Massachusetts	47,131 31
Connecticut	4,421 69
Rhode Island	9,068 30
New Jersey	2,825 00
Pennsylvania	10,871 39
Delaware	10 00
Maryland	65 00
Ohio	2,200 00
Michigan	572 00
Illinois	546 25
Indiana	500 00
Minnesota	45 00
California	501,101 90
Nevada Territory	53,683 95
Oregon	26,333 18
Washington Territory	6,208 97
Idaho Territory	2,110 46
Vancouver's and San Juan Islands	2,552 68
Honolulu	4,085 00
Santiago de Chili	3,688 84
Peru	1,312 00
Newfoundland	150 00
Canada	439 48
England	1,100 00
France	2,750 00
Turkey	50 00
China	2,303 93
Kentucky	500 00
Cuba	23 00
Unknown sources	3,099 93
	$857,715 33

The following statement will show the disbursements and receipts for the past six months, commencing April 1st, and ending October 1st, 1863:

DISBURSEMENTS.

April	$29,142 57
May	36,815 09
June	54,643 21
July	92,020 86

August	40,507 [redacted]
September	28,470 3[redacted]
Disbursements for six months ending October 1	$281,099 [redacted]

RECEIPTS.

April	$2,630 38	
May	15,491 60	
June	29,172 31	
July	28,628 54	
August	8,811 28	
September	31,019 31	
Receipts for six months ending October 1		115,753 42
Excess of disbursements over receipts		$165,345 73

Voted, that the Treasurer's report be referred for auditing to Messrs. H. Binney and Prof. Fairman Rogers.

Voted, that the subject of Finauce be made the special order for Wednesday morning.

Dr. Newberry took his seat.

The Secretary presented his report, which was read and accepted, and the Roster accompanying it was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The President and Dr. Agnew arrived and took their seats.

The Secretary presented and read the reports of T. J. O'Connell, regarding the actuarial work of the Commission since June, and the Report of Mr. John Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory.

The hour of 8 p. m. was assigned to Dr. Newberry for the presentation of his reports.

The President read a letter from Mr. J. C. Tiffany, 109 Pearl street, New York, offering to furnish all the ice the Sanitary Commission should require this year and next, at $2 50 per ton.

Voted, that the President and Mr. J. H. Wolcott be appointed a committee with power to make a contract with Mr. Tiffany.

The President read a letter from Major F. W. Bardwell,

suggesting the procurement of stills for the production of fresh water for the troops on Morris Island, South Carolina.

Voted, that Prof. Bache, Prof. Rogers, and Dr. Agnew be a committee to consider the sanitary situation near Charleston; and that Major Bardwell's letter be referred to them.

The Secretary read reports of Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, Acting Associate Secretary, and of Dr. Julius Nichols, on his visit to the hospitals and to Parole Camp at Annapolis, Maryland.

Voted, that a consideration of the condition of Parole Camp be referred to the Secretary and the Special Relief Agent, with reference to the improvement of that condition, by the introduction of athletic sports, etc., with power of expenditure to that end.

The Secretary read a report of Mr. Gall. Relief Agent at Norfolk, of Sept. 27th, and one of Mr. Jno. A. Anderson, Relief Agent of the 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac, Sept. 7–22 1863.

Voted, that the Secretary require Dr. Page to transmit a report of his sanitary administration of North Carolina up to the present time, from the date of his last report.

Voted, that the Sanitary Commission desires to express its thanks to Col. Devereux, Superintendent of Military Transportation at Alexandria, for the cordial co-operation with which he has forwarded all their plans for increasing the comfort of soldiers in transitu.

Voted, that the thanks of the Sanitary Commission are due to their Associate, Mr. .J Warner Johnson, for his efficient superintendence of their Field Relief Work in the Army of the Potomac.

The Secretary read the Report of Dr. G. C. Caldwell, Hospital Visitor of the Commission in Washington and vicinity, Oct. 1st, 1863.

Voted, that the subject of the detention of Mr. Alfred F. Bringle as prisoner at Richmond, be referred to the President and Vice-President, with power to seek the interposition of the President of the United States for his release.

At 3 p. m. adjourned to 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m. The President read a report of Mr. Gall, Relief Agent at Norfolk, concerning extreme sickness among the United States troops at Yorktown and Gloucester Point.

Voted, that Dr. Steiner call on Col. Barnes, Acting Surgeon General, representing the facts set forth by Mr. Gall, and report the result of the interview to the Commission.

Dr. Newberry, Associate Secretary, read a report of the operation of the Western Department of the Sanitary Commission during the two years of his administration, to September 1st, 1863, with a resumé of the present condition of its works in all parts of the Western Department. He also presented his monthly financial statement to October 1st, a roster of the Western Department, October 1st, and the report of Mr. Holbrook concerning the condition of the Hospital Directory work at the west.

Voted, that Dr. Newberry's report on the general operations of the Western Department be published under his supervision as a document of the Commission.

Voted, that Dr. Jenkins's report, read this morning, be printed as a document of the Commission.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7—10 A. M.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, and Prof. Rogers, and Messrs. C. J. Stillé and Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Members.

Voted, that the Secretary consider the propriety of reprinting, from the San Francisco Bulletin of September 1 and 2, for popular distribution, a letter of Rev. Dr. W. C. Anderson concerning a visit to Gettysburg, Pa., after the battles of July.

Dr. Gordon Winslow's report of the work of the Commission at Gettysburg since the recent battles, of date of September 25th, was read.

The reports of Dr. A. McDonald, Inspector, and of Rev. Mr. Scandlin, Relief Agent, concerning their capture near Gettysburg, July 5th, and of their imprisonment in Richmond until September 21st, were read and referred to the President.

The President read a report from the Executive Committee; which was, on motion, acccepted.

On motion of Mr. Binney, seconded by Mr. Strong, the action of the Executive Committee in appointing Dr. J. Foster Jenkins, Secretary of the Commission, was confirmed. The further consideration of the report, and of the organization of service proposed by it, was postponed until the evening.

Dr. Steiner reported as the result of his interview with Colonel Barnes, acting Surgeon General, that with Dr. Cuyler, Acting Medical Inspector General, that officer would at once urge upon the Secretary of War the necessity of removing the sick troops at Yorktown and Gloucester to a more healthy region.

At 2½ p. m. adjourned to 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, and Prof. Rogers, and Messrs. C. J. Stillé and Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Members.

The Commission resumed the consideration of the plan of organization of service. At 11.30, p. m., adjourned to 10, a. m., on Thursday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8—10, A. M.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Binney, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, and Prof. Rogers; and Mr. C. J. Stillé and Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Members.

The consideration of the plan of organization proposed by the Executive Committee, was resumed.

Voted, that the Secretary be directed to suppress, in the second edition of Document No. 71, (the first edition being distributed,) lines 28—31, on page 8.

Voted, that quarterly meetings of the Commission be hereafter held on the second Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Committee appointed on Tuesday to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, reported them correct, and a balance in the treasury, on October 1, of $129,130 23.

Mr. C. J. Stillé reported concerning the work of the Philadelphia Associates, including a statement of the operations of the Protective War Claim Agency of the United States Sanitary Commission, in Philadelphia.

The Treasurer asked leave to deposit with Riggs & Co. $5,000 to the credit of the Washington Office—leave granted.

The prospective state of the treasury being under consideration, it was voted that the subject of an appeal to the public for funds be referred to a committee consisting of the Standing Committee and the members of the Commission residing at Philadelphia and Boston.

At 1.30, p. m., adjourned to meet at 8, p. m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8—8, P. M.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Binney, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, and Prof. Rogers; and Messrs. C. J. Stille and Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Members.

Mr. F. N. Knapp, Special Relief Agent, read his quarterly report; which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Dr. Newberry reported concerning the recent operations of the Sanitary Commission at and near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Rev. Mr. Heywood arrived, and took his seat.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Standing Committee to communicate to Dr. Mc Donald and Rev. Mr. Scandlin, an expression of the gratitude of the Sanitary Commission for their faithful services as Relief Agents of the Commission, and for the patriotic fortitude with which they have supported their late captivity, and their prolonged and pitiless imprisonment in the rebel prisons at Richmond; and that the same Committee is requested to tender to those gentlemen some mark of the Commission's recognition of their deserts, in such form, pecuniary or otherwise, as may be most acceptable to them. The said Committee to have general power to take order upon the whole subject.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee on Organization was resumed.

Ordered, That the Executive Organization of the Sanitary Commission be recast as follows, to take effect from this date:

There shall be—

I. A Standing Committee, as at present constituted, of five members, having all the powers of the Board in the intervals of its sessions.

II. A General Secretary, under authority of the Commission and its Committees, having his headquarters at New York, for the convenience of daily council with Standing Committee, but free to move to Washington, or any other portion of the field where his general supervision is required.

III. Three Associate Secretaries, two of whom shall be charged respectively with the Sanitary interests of the Army in such portions of the country as shall be assigned to them, one with headquarters at Washington, and another at Louisville and the

third to be also the Chief of Inspection, who shall be charged with the whole Department of Inquiry and Advice.

IV. As many Sanitary Inspectors under the direction of the two Associate Secretaries, as their mingled work of Inspection and Relief may require; also, as many Sanitary Inspectors reporting to the Chief of Inspection, as the efficiency of his work may demand.

V. As many Relief Agents as the necessities of the various Army Corps or Navy may call for, all subject according as they are East or West, to one or the other of the two Associate Secretaries.

VI. Three Assistant Secretaries, one at the Washington Office, another at the Louisville Office, and the third at the New York Office.

VII. A Special Relief Department.

VIII. A Hospital Directory.

IX. A Statistical Department

I.

The Standing Committee will receive the instructions of the Board, at its successive sessions, and be charged with their execution. It will have all the powers of the Board in the intervals of the sessions; but its action at all times will be subject to correction and rectification by the Board. The Standing Committee will hold its meetings at least once a week, except when the Board is in session. Its usual seat will be the New York Office, but it may meet anywhere; two members shall constitute a quorum for ordinary business at the New York Office—due notice of meeting having been given to all the members. The Standing Committee will usually communicate its orders through the General Secretary. A meeting shall be called by the Chairman at the request of any two members.

II.

The General Secretary is the Chief Executive officer of the Board, and more immediately of the Standing Committee—

and the Head of the Working Departments. All officers of the Commission will receive their instructions from him and present to him regular reports, and such special reports as he may call for. He will be responsible to the Standing Committee, and finally to the Board for the execution of the plans determined on by the Board or Standing Committee. His orders to all officers of the Commission are to be obeyed as the orders of the Board. The General Secretary will each week present to the Standing Committee, at its regular weekly meeting, a concise report of the general movements and work of the Commission, and obtain fresh instructions upon all new questions of importance. Any irregularity or delay in the transmission of reports of any of the officers, will be reported by the General Secretary to the Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to see the fault at once corrected.

The General Secretary will also present to the Standing Committee an account of the monthly disbursements with vouchers, and an approximate estimate of the pecuniary wants of the coming month.

The Treasurer shall present to the Board at every meeting a full report of the receipts and expenditures with vouchers.

Once each month the General Secretary shall furnish to the Standing Committee vouchers received from the Associate Secretaries for all money expended by them during the previous month, with the affidavit of the persons who have audited them.

All reports from the Heads of the various Departments will be sent to the General Secretary, and afterward transmitted by him to the Washington Office, which is to be considered as the depository of the records of the Commission.

III.

The two Associate Secretaries, at Washington and Louisville, will have charge, in their respective fields, of the whole matter of collecting and distributing supplies. All Relief Agents will be under their direction. They will move from point to point as their duties may seem to require. To them

is committed under the General Secretary the oversight of all the business of the Commission, in their several fields, such as official correspondence, and the cultivation of personal relations with the military authorities, correspondence with the various branches and with the public, the study of the sources of supply, the probable wants of the army, and all the necessities of special relief. All Relief Stations, Floating Hospitals, and transportation, shall be under their direction. The Inspectors shall send their reports made to the Chief of Inspection through the Associate Secretary of their district, and, while receiving general directions from their Head, shall, in his absence, or in cases of doubt or emergency, be governed by the will and advice of the Associate Secretary.

The Associate Secretary of each Section will make a monthly report to the General Secretary of the work in his section, including a tabular statement of all the supplies received and the amount distributed during the month, together with a statement of the entire stock then on hand.

The Associate Secretary, who is the CHIEF OF INSPECTION, shall, under advice of the General Secretary, prescribe plans and specific duties to the Sanitary Inspectors, and be responsible for the regular transmission of their reports to the General Secretary. It shall be his duty to instruct his Inspectors in the scientific, advisory, and preventive duties for which they have been specially appointed. In case of emergency they shall also act as Relief Agents.

The Chief of Inspection shall report on the number of Inspectors necessary to cover the field.

The Chief of Inspection shall have his Headquarters at Washington, but he will visit all portions of the field, and will report once each month to the General Secretary. His reports will be accompanied by reports received from the Statistical Department, with such explanation or suggestions as may lead to improved methods.

IV.

To each Military Department, if large enough, a Chief Sanitary Inspector may be assigned to direct the work of the Com-

mission in the same—such assignment to be made by the General Secretary. His title shall be CHIEF INSPECTOR, (as—of the Army of the Potomac, or—the Cumberland), and he shall be responsible for and report on the progress and condition of the work of Relief and of Inspection in his Department respectively to the Associate Secretary of his Section and the Chief of Inspection, at regular and stated periods.

The SANITARY INSPECTORS shall cultivate the most intimate relations and closest sympathy with the Relief Agents, and throw all the light possible on their duties and pursuits, but shall especially devote themselves to their proper duties of Sanitary inspection. They shall always report through the Associate Secretary to their Chief, at Washington. These reports, however, when they are working in an Army where there is a Chief Inspector, shall be transmitted through him.

V.

The Relief Agents shall receive directions for their work from the Inspectors of the districts in which they serve.

VI.

The three Assistant Secretaries, at the Offices in Washington, New York, and Louisville, shall, under the respective Secretaries, perform the duties of correspondence and other business more strictly local and immediately connected with the offices; such, in general terms, as have been assigned to them for the last two years; these will vary with the character of the various offices.

VII.

The Special Relief Department will continue its present organization and work, excepting that each Section East and West shall have its own head, appointed by, and responsible to, its Associate Secretary in charge of all the work pertaining to special relief in his field. The reports from the head of the special relief work in each Section will be made through its Associate Secretary to the General Secretary.

VIII.

The Hospital Directory will proceed as heretofore.

IX.

The Statistical Department will have essentially the same work and duties as heretofore, and the same methods, with such changes, however, as may be necessary, in order to secure conformity to the following plan.

As the value of the information collected by the various Sanitary Inspectors depends very much upon the promptness with which the Statistical Department presents the general conclusions derived from a comparison of the various returns; and, inasmuch as most of the material used by the Statistical Department is received from the Inspectors, and the conclusions deduced are made of use afterward to the army, through the agency of the Inspectors; therefore, the head of the Statistical Department will, on the first day of each month, report to the Inspector-in-Chief the amount and character and source of the material he has received during the previous month, the disposition made of it, and the results reached. He will also state the kind and amount of information most needed, in order to enable him to complete any unfinished tables, or to settle any question under examination pertaining to the advancement of sanitary science.

Also, once every three months (fifteen days preceding the meeting of the Board) he will present a general report of the total amount of work accomplished during the previous three months, and the work on hand. Through the Chief of Inspection he will make these reports to the General Secretary.

Voted, That the Committee on Organization be discharged.

On motion of Prof. Bache, Philip T. Tyson, Esq., of Baltimore, was elected an Associate Member.

At 11.45 p. m., adjourned to 10 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9—12 M.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Heywood, and Prof. Rogers; and Mr. C. J. Stillé, and Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Members.

The following gentlemen were, on motion, elected Associate Members of the Commission:

James M. Barnard, Boston.
Jno. S. Blatchford, Boston.
Prof. F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D.., Washington.
L. A. Civill, Esq, Louisville, Kentucky.
William Camac, M.D., Philadelphia.
A. McL. Agnew, New York.
Rev. A. C. Coxe, D. D., New York.
Thos. Bakewell, Pittsburg, Pa.
J. D. Hunter, "
Wm. McCrarey, "
F. Brunot, "
L. W. Jerome, New York.
Hasket Derby, M. D., Boston.
Hon. Lucius Robinson, New York.
Rev. Jno. F. W. Ware, Cambridgeport.
Col. Jno. H. Devereux, U. S. A.
Prof. B. Peirce, Cambridge.
Thos. Hill, D. D., LL. D., Cambridge.
Rev. D. M. Seward, D. D., Yonkers, N. Y.
Everett Clapp, "
Rev. Mr. Mulford, Orange, N. J.
Hon. Jno. Williams, Springfield, Ill.
Hon. A. C. Fuller, "
Brig. Gen. J. A. Garfield, U. S. A.
Dr. G. Perin, Surgeon, U. S. A.
Major Gen. Grant, U. S. A.
" Gilmore, U. S. V.
" Butler, U. S. V.
" Rosecrans, U. S. V.
" Meade, U. S. V.
" Schenck, U. S. V.
Major Gen. Heintzleman, U. S. V.
Brig. Gen. S. W. Crawford, U. S. V.
" M. R. Patrick, U. S. V.

Col. D. H. Rucker, U. S. A.
Col. Geo. H. Sharp, U. S. V.
Rev. D. R. Brewer, Yonkers, N. Y.
Rev. Dr. Daggett, Canandaigua, N. Y.
Rev. Eben M. Rollo, East Albany.
Samuel S. Woolworth, LL. D., Albany, N. Y.
Dr. E. B. Wolcott, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Dr. Baker, Norwalk, Ohio.
Judge Perley, Concord, N. H.
J. T. Pancoast, Baltimore.
Adrian Iselin.
Hon. John Brough, Cleveland.
Mr. D. Brooke, Washington, D. C.
Hon. Henry A. Bellows, Concord, N. H.

Voted, that the nominations of the Executive Committee of F. N. Knapp, as Associate Secretary, and Dr. J. H. Douglas, as Chief of Inspection, are confirmed.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed to determine anew a scale of salaries of all employés of the Commission; and, on motion, the President, Treasurer, and the General Secretary were designated such committee.

The President communicated the previously announced resignation of Mr. Olmsted as General Secretary, and as a member of the Commission, and offered resolutions expressive of the feeling of the Commission, viz:

Resolved, That this Board accepts the resignation of Fred. Law Olmsted, as General Secretary, with profound regret.

Resolved, That from the beginning of our enterprise the organizing genius of Mr. Olmsted, trained by rich experience in other large and successful undertakings, has been a chief source of whatever merit has characterized the operations of the Sanitary Commission; and that we find our consolation in the loss of his personal services in the fact that his plans and ideas are so ineffaceably stamped on our work that we shall continue to enjoy the benefit of his talents and the inspiration of his character as long as the Commission lasts.

Resolved, That these resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Olmsted, with a letter expressive of our warm personal attachment, and an earnest expression of our wish that he will withdraw his resignation as a member of the Board.

The resolutions were adopted, and the President was requested to prepare the letter referred to.

Mr. Knapp read the report of Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, concerning the work of Special Relief, conducted by the Boston Associates of the Commission, and also a report relating to local provision for the relief of discharged disabled soldiers and their families, and its administration in Boston, prepared under the direction of the Boston Executive Committee.

It was

Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to prepare and publish a complete list of the Associate Members of the Commission.

A report of Dr. Julius Nichols, dated October 8, concerning the Sanitary Inspection of the Department of the Cumberland, was presented.

The President, and Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, and Prof. Gibbs, were elected to constitute the Standing Committee.

Voted, that an Organ of the Sanitary Commission be established immediately, and that the Standing Committee take order upon it.

Voted, unanimously, that the President be earnestly and respectfully requested to visit California in the interests of the Commission.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be instructed to take immediate order on this subject.

Mr. Heywood gave a narrative of his visit to Chattanooga, subsequent to the recent battles.

The General Secretary read report of Mr. A. J. Bloor, Assistant Secretary, concerning Supply and Supply Correspondence.

Mr. Knapp reported concerning the success of the Commission arrangement for furnishing the hospitals of this District with fresh supplies of meat and vegetables.

Voted, that the Treasurer and General Secretary of the Commission be requested to consider the expedience of insuring the stock of the Washington storehouses.

An application of Dr. Terry, for increased compensation for

a tour of Special Inspection of Hospitals in North and South Carolina, was referred to Dr. H. G. Clark.

Voted, that the thanks of the Commission are due to Mr. F. N. Knapp for his untiring assiduity and unfailing humanity in the discharge of all duties assigned to him by this Commission.

At 5 p. m. adjourned *sine die.*

APPENDIX.

REPORTS concerning its current operations, presented at the Fourteenth Session of the United States Sanitary Commission, October 6–9, 1863:

1.—Report of the Executive Committee.
2.—Report of the Committee on Organization.
3.—Report of the Treasurer.
4.—Report of the Auditing Committee.
5.—Report of Dr. J. Foster Jenkins, General Secretary, communicating the following reports:
A.—Report to the United States Sanitary Commission on the operations of the Eastern Branch, by Lewis H. Steiner, Chief Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, and Acting Associate Secretary, accompanied by the following reports:
a.—Report of Dr. C. W. Brink concerning the Hospitals in Washington, August 8th, 1863.
b.—Report of Dr .C. W. Brink upon the Hospitals in the District of Columbia, August 17th, 1863.
c.—Report of Dr. C. W. Brink on the Hospitals in Alexandria, Va., Sept. 10th, 1863.
d.—Report of Dr. C. W. Brink on the 10th Regiment New York Artillery, garrisoning forts beyond the Eastern Branch, Sept. 13th, 1863.
e.—Report of Special Inspector, Annapolis, Md., by Julius Nichols, August 20th, 1863.

— Report of Julius Nichols, Sanitary Commission Inspector, on Baltimore Hospital, Sept. 2d, 1863.

— Thirty-four Reports from Relief Agents, Army of the Potomac as follows:

Mr. N. Murray, 2d Corps. August 8, 17, and September 27.

David S. Pope, 6th Corps. August 22, 16, 30, and September 5, 13, 20, 11, 27, and the weeks ending August 16, September 12, 19, and 26.

Wm. A. Hovey, 1st Corps. August 8, 15, 29, and Sept. 15.

Clemans Soest, 3d Corps. September 11, 13, and 28.

John A. Anderson, 12th Corps. September 6, 3, and 7 to 22, and for the week ending 19.

E. M. Barton, 5th Corps. September 6 and 13, and six others.

h—Report of Dr Gordon Winslow; account of work at Gettysburg, September 25, 1863.

i.—Eight Reports from James Gall, Jr., Relief Agent Norfolk, Va., from August 9, to September 27.

j.—Report of George C. Caldwell, on Hospital visiting for the months of May, June, July and August.

k.—Report of Dr. Alexander McDonald, Field Inspector, on his capture and imprisonment in Richmond, Va.

l.—Report from Rev. Mr. Scandlin, Relief Agent, same subject.

m.—Report from Gen. Kelly's Department of the Cumberland, October 8, 1863—Dr. Julius Nichols.

B.—Report of F. N. Knapp, Special Relief Agent, accompanied by the following reports:

a—Report of the "Home," J. B. Clark, Superintendent.

b—Report of the "Home," T. B. Smith, Surgeon.

c—Report of Special Relief Station at Convalescent Camp, Virginia—Miss A. M. Bradley.

d—Report of Special Relief Work at Alexandria—Rev. James Richardson.

e—Report of Special Relief Work at Baltimore—Sumner Bullard.

f—Report of Special Relief Work at Annapolis, Maryland—Rev. H. C. Henries.

g—Report of Pension Agent—W. F. Bascom.

h—Report of Special Relief Work at Boston—Jno. S. Blatchford.

i—Report relating to local provision for the relief of discharged disabled soldiers and their families, and its administration in Boston, Massachusetts; prepared under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Boston Associates.

C.—Report concerning work in the Statistical Department.—T. J. O'Connell, Chief Clerk to Actuary.

D.—Report of Superintendent of Hospital Directory.—John Bowne.

6.—Report of Dr. J. S. Newberry, Associate Secretary, concerning the work of the Commission in the Western Department.

7.—Report concerning the work of the Philadelphia Associates, including a statement of the operations of the Protective War Claim Agency of the United States Sanitary Commission in Philadelphia, by C. J. Stillé, Esq., Associate Member.

8.—Report concerning the success of the Commission's arrangement for furnishing to the hospitals of this District fresh supplies of meat and vegetables, by F. N. Knapp.

9.—Report concerning Supplies and Supply Correspondence, by Mr. A. J. Bloor, Assistant Secretary.

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Dr. J. Foster Jenkins.....General Secretary.
Dr. J. S. Newberry.....Associate do.
Dr. J. H. Douglas.....do do.
F. N. Knapp.....Special Relief Agent,
E. B. Elliott.....Actuary.
John Bowne.....Accountant.

STAFF OF INSPECTION.

Dr. H. G. Clark.....Special Inspection of Hospitals.
Dr. L. H. Steiner.....Inspector Army of the Potomac.
Dr. Gordon Winslow.....do at Gettysburg.
Dr. Geo. L. Andrew.....do Louisville.
Dr. A. N. Reed.....do Army of the Cumberland.
Dr. Geo. A. Blake.....do Department of the Gulf.
Dr. H. A. Warriner.....do Army of the Tennessee.
Dr. E. A. Crane.....do Department of the South.
Dr. J. W. Page.....do Department of N. Carolina.
Dr. A. L. Castleman.....do Army of the Cumberland.
Dr. —— Fithian.....do Army of the Tennessee.
Dr. C. W. Brink.....do at Washington.
Dr. T. B. Smith.....do and Pension Examiner.
Dr. J. S. Nichols.....do on detached duty.
Dr. Alex. McDonald.....do Army of the Potomac.
Dr. W. F. Swalm.....do Army of the Potomac.
Dr. M. M. Marsh.....do Army of the South.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

Alfred J. Bloor.....Assistant Secretary.
Francis Fowler.....Chief Clerk.
E. B. Abbott.....Assistant Special Agent.
Dr. C. W. Caldwell.....Hospital Visitor.
Charles C. Bellows.....Transportation Clerk.
O. C. Bullard.....Special Relief Agent.
James Richardson.....do do.
W. F. Bascom.....Director of Pensions.
J. H. Wellman.....Assistant Accountant.
T. J. Connell.....Clerk to the Actuary.
J. D. Connell.....do do.
L. W. Toleman.....do do.
W. Redford.....Chief Clerk Hospital Directory.
Frank Dunphy.....Clerk.
Fred'k Bannach.....do.
Thomas Dooley.....do.

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George E. Holbrook.....Clerk.
Jas. B. Cox.....do.
A. F. Macomber.....Clerk to Pension Agent.
W. R. Neal.....do. do.
J. B. Brown.....do. do.
S. W. Stacy.....do. do.
S. W. Richards.....Copyist.
L. V. Beebe.....Document Clerk.
Rd. J. Falconer.....Assistant Document Clerk.
Thomas C. Molloy.....Assistant to Chief Clerk.
Robert V. Harrison.....Assistant to Property Clerk.
William C. Whitney.....Messenger.
Edward S. Miller.....do.
W. H. Fury.....Wagonmaster.
P. W. Whitcomb.....Watchman.
John Turner.....Hostler.
Clem. Simms.....do.
Mack S. Donerson.....Fireman.

Vital Statistics.

Mr. Bulkley.
E. B. Fairchild.
Mr. Balch.

"The Home."

J. B. Clark.....Superintendent.
T. B. Smith.....Surgeon.
Miss C. Bradford.....Matron.
Mrs. M. T. Murray.....Housekeeper.
P. J. McHenry.....Assistant Superintendent.
John McIntosh.....Baggage Master.
Henry A. Hurder.....Hospital Nurse.
Augustus Peters.....do do.
Helen Larkins.....Hospital Cook.
Jane Larkins.....Chambermaid.
Abby Horning.....Cook.
Hannah Hopkins.....“
Julia Donegan.....Table girl.
Charlotte Jackson.....Washwoman.
Olmsted Taylor.....Colored man.
Henry Brisco.....“
David Hall.....“
Robert Jackson.....“

Homes for Female Nurses.

Mrs. Dr. Caldwell.....Matron.
Mary Doolittle.....Cook.
Sarah Sands.....Nurse.

Lodge No. 4.

John Kane.....Supt. of Lodge.
Thos. Philips, (Colored).....Cook.

Wm. Henry " .....Cook.
Jos. Reed, " ..... "
Wm. Morgan " ..... Waiter.
John Adams " ..... "

Lodge No. 7, Maryland Avenue.

—— DeLong..... .....Superintendent.

Local Storehouse.

Jonathan Wood..... .....Local Storekeeper.
Thos. Furniss..... ....Asst. "
Hugh Croghan..... .....Packer.

Receiving Storehouse.

George Walter..... .....Receiving Storekeeper.
J. J. Howard..... .....Workman.
John McKean..... "
Chas. Synyard..... "
T. E. Peverly..... .....Storekeeper on Steamer Elizabeth.

Fresh Hospital Supplies.

Henry Clay Weaver ....Receiver.
Henry Woods..... .....Clerk.
William R. Swan..... .....Assistant.
James———, colored man..... .....Workman.

Lodge at Alexandria, Va.

Robert Glazier..... .....Superintendent.
Battle Paine..... .....Cook.
John Barbour ....Servant.
John Blenhem..... .....Servant.

Relief Station, Convalescent Camp.

Miss Amy M. Bradley ....Matron.
Susan ———, colored..... .....Cook.

Relief Station, Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md.

Miss Clara Davis..... .....Matron.
Rachel Hagar..... .....Cook.

Homes for Female Nurses and Soldiers' Wives.

Mrs. Sayre..... .....Matron.
Ruth Seymour..... .....Cook.

Army of the Potomac.

Dr. Lewis H. Steiner.....Chief Inspector.
J. Warren Johnson.....Supt. Field Relief.
Capt. Isaac Harris.....Asst. "
William A. Hovey.....Relief Agt. 1st Corps.
N. Murray ..... " 2nd "
Col. C. Soest..... " 3d "
E. M. Barton..... " 5th "
D. S. Pope..... " 6th "
J. A. Anderson..... " 12th "
Chas. S. Clampitt.....Dispatcher.
S. Hoag.....Storekeeper, Culpepper C.
J. C. Bush.....Asst. " "
W. C. Whittlesey..... " " "
T. C. Stranahan.....Clerk.
Henry Freeman.....Messenger.
G. F. Edwards..... "
——— Norris.....Driver 1st Corps.
Thos. Mulkearn..... " 2d "
John M. Williams..... " 3d "
John Walton..... " 5th "
———.Hobbs..... " 6th "
John Smith..... " 12th "
Peter White.....Cook.

Norfolk, Va.

James Gall.....Relief Agent.
J. Edwards.....Storekeeper.

Baltimore, Md.

J. F. Pancoast.....Officer in charge.
W. S. Bullard.....Special Relief Agent.
W. G. M. Thompson.....Assistant.
Richard Bell.....Storekeeper.

Gettysburg, Pa.

Dr. Gordon Winslow.....Inspector.
Samuel Bacon, Jr.....Storekeeper.

Newbern, N. C.

Dr. J .W. Page.....Inspector.
George B. Page.....Relief Agent.

Beaufort, S. C.

Dr. M. M. Marsh .....Inspector.
J. H. Hoadley.....Storekeeper.
—— Day.....Relief Agent.

New Orleans, La.

Dr. George A. Blake ..... Inspector.
G. C. Edgerly ..... Storekeeper.
C. E. De Lancey ..... Assistant Storekeeper.

WESTERN DEPARTMENT.

R. T. Thorne	Louisville	Assistant Secretary.
Dr. Geo. L. Andrew	do	Inspector.
Rev. F. H. Bushnell	do	Hospital Visitor.
Dr. N. E. Soule	do	Chief Clerk.
C. S. Sill	do	Book-keeper.
J. E. Tippett	do	Clerk and Copyist.
John Patterson	do	do.
M. Redding	do	do.
J. E. Slaughter	do	do.
Preston and Catharine	do	Servants.

Hospital Directory.

H. S. Holbrook	Louisville	Chief Clerk.
W. J. Duncan	do	Clerk.
H. A. Bishop	do	do.
W. L. Wharton	do	do.
C. D. Hillman	do	do.
Chas. A. Lawson	do	do.
D. W. Magness	do	do.
James Morton	do	do.
Richard Alien	do	do.
A. Miller	St. Louis	do.
K. Berndorf	Cincinnati	do.

Transportation Department.

W. L. Hanford	Louisville	Superintendent.
W. B. Goodwin	do	Storehouse Clerk.
Joseph Kuhn	do	Porter.
A. H. Sill	do	Messenger.

Hospital Cars.

Dr. J. P. Barnard ..... Surgeon in Charge.
L. D. Mallory ..... Superintendent.
Two detailed men.

District of Middle Tennessee.

Dr. A. N. Reed	Stevenson, Ala.	Inspector.
M. C. Read	do	Special Relief Agent.
Dr. A. L. Castleman	do	Inspector.
E. H. Pococke	Nashville	Steward of Home.
Rev. J. C. Hoblitt	do	Hospital Visitor.
Chas. Robinson	do	Storekeeper.
Mrs. R. C. Hopkins	do	Assistant Storekeeper.
W. Radcliff	do	Clerk.
J. H. Larrabee	do	Agent.
Porter and two servants.		

District of S. E. Kentucky.

Thos. Butler	Camp Nelson	Storekeeper.

District of the Mississippi.

Dr. H. A. Warriner	Vicksburg	Inspector.
Dr. Fithian	do	Inspector.
Edward Way	do	Storekeeper.
Rev. J. P. Ingraham	Memphis	Hospital Visitor.
H. Tone	do	Storekeeper.
T. B. Carpenter	do	do.
C. W. Christy	do	Special Relief Agent and Supt. of Lodge.
Four detailed men	do.	
H. W. Fogle	Sanitary Steamer	Supercargo.
J. Bishop		Porter.
C. N. Shipman	Cairo	Assistant Secretary.
J. Brown	do	Superintendent of Home.
Mrs. Ostrom		Matron.

District of Kansas.

J. R. Brown	Leavenworth	Relief Agent.
Dr. C. C. Slocum	do	Assistant Agent.

District of West Virginia.

D. S. Fracker	Wheeling	Storekeeper.

Home Field.

Rev. Wm. C. Turner	Ohio	Canvassing Agent.	
Joseph Shippen	West. Pennsylvania	do	do.
George G. Bellows	Wisconsin	do	do.

FIFTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Professor A. D. Bache, LL. D., Vice President; H. Binney, Jr., and Professor Fairman Rogers, Members of the Board; and Messrs. C. J. Stillé, and R. M. Lewis, Associate Members.

At the request of the President, Mr. Lewis read an historical sketch of the Organization and Work of the Philadelphia Associates of the Commission.

Voted, 1. That the thanks of this Commission are due to Dr. J. M. Corse, of Philadelphia, Associate Member, for his methodical and persistent service, now extending into its third year, in collecting vaccine virus for the distribution of the Commission.

2. That the General Secretary be instructed to forward this vote, with such a letter as he may deem appropriate, to Dr. Corse.

Adjourned to eight, p. m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1864—EVENING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Binney, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Strong, Mr. Wolcott, and Dr. Harris; and Messrs. C. J. Stillé and R. M. Lewis, Associates.

The President presented the minutes of the Standing Committee, and rendered a verbal report of their proceedings since the last quarterly meeting.

Treasurer read his Quarterly Report, showing balance in treasury, on the 7th of January, 1864, of $89,849 70; and Mr. Binney and Mr. Wolcott were appointed an Auditing Committee of the Treasurer's account.

The President reported that Dr. John Ordronaux had, at the request of the Standing Committee, prepared a report on a proposed Invalid and Pension System, and the President and General Secretary were appointed a committee to propose its publication to the Pension Bureau of the United States Government, with power.

Voted, that the President and Mr. Strong constitute a committee to revise the report for publication, and to draw a bill for congressional consideration, relating to the subjects discussed, to be brought before a special session of the Board.

The President reported the circumstances attending the capture of Mr. Brengle, and submitted the propriety of making to his wife compensation for the loss of his mules and wagon, confiscated by the Confederates, at the time of his capture.

It being considered improper to make such appropriation from the treasury, members from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, offered individually to secure $400 for this purpose.

Voted, that Dr. Harris and the General Secretary be a committee to confer with Dr. Whelan, the chief of the Medical Bureau of the Navy, concerning the present sanitary condition and wants of the Navy.

At 10.45, p. m, adjourned to 10, a. m., on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Professor Bache, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Strong, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Binney, and Dr. Newberry; and Messrs. C. J. Stillé, and R. M. Lewis, Associate Members.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be requested to take order concerning delinquencies in the transmission of Inspectors' Reports.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to provide for a draft of $5,000 in favor of the Louisville Office.

The General Secretary read his Quarterly Report, and presented a list of the Reports to be submitted at this session of the Commission.

The General Secretary read the preliminary and quarterly report of Dr. Douglas, Associate Secretary and Chief of Inspection.

Resolved, That Dr. Agnew, the General Secretary, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Knapp be a committee to report to the Board proper candidates for the specific fields of inspection marked out in Dr. Douglas's report.

Voted, that all the reports presented at this session be referred to the Standing Committee, with power to publish any portion of them.

The General Secretary read the reports of Drs. L. H. Steiner, Julius Nichols, and E A. Crane, concerning inspections in the army of the Potomac within the defences of Washington, and at New Iberia, Louisiana, respectively.

Mr. F. N. Knapp, Associate Secretary, read his quarterly report.

Voted, that Mr. Strong, and Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, be appointed a committee to consider the propriety of discontinuing the supplies of food purchased by the Commission for the military hospitals, and to obtain a record from surgeons in charge of hospitals as to the value of the agency.

At 4, p. m., adjourned until 7.30, p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1864—EVENING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Mr. Binney, Mr. Wolcott, Bishop Clark, and Dr. Newberry, members of the Board; and Messrs. C. J. Stillé and R. M. Lewis, associate members.

Bishop Clark moved that the Commission hold its next quarterly session at Philadelphia.

Voted, that the consideration of the place of meeting be made the special order for 12 o'clock m., on Thursday.

Voted, that the work of the New York bureau of the hospital directory be transferred to the Washington office.

The General Secretary reported the resignation, since the last quarterly meeting, of Drs. George L. Andrew and A. McDonald, Inspectors of the Commission.

The President communicated facts concerning the organization of the European Branch of the Commission.

Resolved, That the General Secretary, after correspondence with the Medical Bureau, acknowledge the receipt of the letter of Thomas Longmore, Deputy Inspector General of the British army, on the subject of the tabulation of gun-shot wounds in such terms as may express the Commission's sense of his courtesy.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to appoint an acting actuary in the Commission to perform the duties of Mr. E. B. Elliot, now absent in Europe without leave. That the General Secretary also notify Mr. Elliot, by letter addressed to him at the city of Berlin, (that being his last-known address,) that he is requested immediately to report for duty at the Central Office, at Washington, and that unless he so report by the 20th day of March next, or satisfactorily account for his omission so to do, his place will be considered as vacated.

The General Secretary read the monthly report for December, 1863, of Mr. Bloor, Assistant Secretary at the Washington Office.

At 11 p. m. adjourned to 10.30 a. m. on Thursday.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10.30, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Professor Bache, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Bishop Clark, Mr. Wolcott, and Dr. Agnew, Members of the Board, and Messrs. C. J. Stillé, R. M. Lewis, and Hon. H. B. Rogers, Associate Members.

Mr. Binney, from the Auditing Committee, reported that the accounts of the Treasurer had been examined and found correct, and that they exhibit a balance in the treasury of $89,849 70.

The committee appointed at the October session of the Commission to consider the sanitary condition near Charleston reported. The report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, read the report of O. C. Bullard, Special Relief Agent at New Orleans, and selections from other reports accompanying his Quarterly Report.

The consideration of the question concerning the place of meeting of the Commission in April was revived.

After discussion, on motion of Bishop Clark, it was voted that the next Quarterly Session of the Commission be holden west of the Alleghanies, and that a special session be in the interval convened at Philadelphia, by direction of the Standing Committee.

On motion, adjourned to 7.30, p. m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1864—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8, p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Professor Bache, Bishop Clark, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Wolcott, and Dr. Harris, Members of the Board; and Mr. C. J. Stillé, Associate Member.

The President announced a donation of $50,000 from the New England Women's Auxiliary Association.

The Commission,

Resolved, That the thanks of the United States Sanitary Commission are due, and are hereby tendered, to the New England Women's Auxiliary Association, for its munificent contribution of the sum of fifty thousand dollars, (being part of the proceeds of the Fair lately held in the city of Boston under its auspices,) to the General Treasury of the Commission—this being the first portion of the proceeds of the Fairs lately conducted in aid of the Commission, with such eminent skill and energy, and with results so unprecedented, which has been set apart for the National work of the Commission through the Central Treasury.

Resolved, That in the consecration by the New England Women's Auxiliary Association of so large a portion of the fund thus raised to its National work, and to its medical preventive service, the Commission recognizes the patriotism and intelligence that characterizes the people of Boston.

Resolved, That these resolutions be communicated by the General Secretary to the New England Women's Auxiliary Association, and published in the daily papers of Boston and New York.

The Associate Secretary at Washington was authorized to incur such expense in behalf of the ladies about to visit Washington in the interest of the Supply Department as his judgment may deem proper.

Dr. Newberry, Associate Secretary, rendered his Quarterly Report; which was ordered to be prepared for publication as a document of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Members of the Sanitary Commission cannot refrain from expressing their deep sympathy with their friend and associate, Dr. Van Buren, knowing as they do but too well, and sympathizing deeply with him in, the family misfortune under which he suffers, and which detains him from our meeting at this time. May God give him His help in his bereavement.

Resolved, That Prof. Bache and Dr. Newberry be appointed

as a committee to prepare an outline-map, exhibiting the operations of the Commission in connection with military movements.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be requested to give early attention to the propriety of establishing vegetable gardens, to secure the army against scorbutic disease, and are empowered to give effect to their opinions.

At 11.30 adjourned to 10 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1864—MORNING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Binney, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Strong, Members of the Board; and Hon. H. B. Rogers, Associate Member.

Mr. C. J. Stillé was elected a Member of the Commission, and, on notification, took his seat with the Board.

Dr. Newberry read the report of the committee appointed to designate Inspectors to fill the vacancies reported by the Chief of Inspection.

Drs. A. N. Reed, G. Aigner, A. L. Castleman, and Randal Williams, were, in conformity to the recommendation, appointed Inspectors.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Stephen H. Perkins, Esq., for the able, luminous, and exhaustive report upon the European systems of Pensions and Homes for Invalid Soldiers, which he has prepared for the use of the Commission.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to transmit to Mr. Perkins a copy of this resolution.

Dr. Newberry announced to the Board the death of Rev. W. F. Loomis, Hospital Visitor for the Commission at Nashville, Tennessee, of pneumonia, consequent upon his labors and exposure in care of the wounded on the battle-field of Chattanooga, and submitted the following resolution; which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of the Sanitary

Commission have heard with great sorrow of the death of Rev. W. F. Loomis, their devoted and efficient Hospital Visitor at Nashville, Tennessee; and that the Secretary be requested to convey to Mrs. Loomis the assurance of their sympathy with her in her irreparable loss.

Profs. C. A. Joy and Ogden N. Rood, of New York; Dr. G. B. Upham and Messrs. Cyrus Cleveland, R. P. Getty, and J. M. Knox, of Yonkers, New York; Col. E. B. Andrews, of Marietta, Ohio; and F. B. Fay, Esq., of Chelsea, Mass., were elected Associate Members.

Resolved, That the report of the committee ordered at this session, respecting the sanitary wants of the Navy, be rendered by the General Secretary at the next meeting of the Commission.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be requested to consider the propriety, at the present time, of the formal tender of advice to Congress and to the Heads of Administrative Departments of the Government, concerning usages of the military service which gravely involve the health of the forces.

At 11 a. m. the Commission adjourned.

SIXTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 11 o'clock, at the Rooms of the Philadelphia Agency, 1307 Chesnut street.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Prof. A. D. Bache, LL. D., Vice President; H. Binney, Jr., Prof. Fairman Rogers, and Mr. C. J. Stillé.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer the donation of the Hudson River Railroad Company of $5,000, to the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Fair, in conformity to the wish of Mr. Sloan, the President of the Company.

The President, the General Secretary, and Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of making an effort, by negotiation with the Confederate authorities to secure relief to Union soldiers within the rebel lines, and to report before the rising of the Board.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay William B. Buxton $60, in full for services as Canvassing Agent for the Commission.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, from time to time, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to invest any portion of the funds in his hands in registered securities of the Government of the United States, (such investments to be made in the joint names of the Treasurer and of the President of the Commission,) and to collect and receive the interest thereon, and from time to time to sell such securities, under the direction of said committee.

The President read letters from Rev. Dr. McClintock, of

Paris, and Mrs. Dr. Gould, resident at Rome, concerning the interests of the Commission in Europe.

At 3.30, p. m., adjourned to 10, a. m., on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Prof. Bache, Bishop Clark, Judge Skinner, Mr. Binney, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Wolcott, Prof. Rogers, and Mr. Stillé.

The General Secretary read his report, the report of the Chief of Inspection, and of Inspectors Steiner, Crane, and Fairchild.

On motion, Ezra B. McCagg, Esq., of Chicago, Illinois, was elected a Member of the Commission.

Resolved, That the subject of the relief of prisoners in Hospital and Depot Guard Houses be referred to Bishop Clark and Mr. Knapp, of the Special Relief Department, for immediate consideration and action.

Voted, that the consideration of the subject of provision for disabled soldiers be made the special order at 10.30 on Thursday.

The General Secretary was directed to render, at his earliest convenience, a special report concerning the provision of the Medical Bureau of the United States Government for Corps and Division Hospitals in the field, and of the necessity generally existing for requisitions from these hospitals upon the storehouses of the Commission.

At 1 o'clock the Commission adjourned to 10, a. m., on Thursday.

The Board spent the afternoon in a visit to the Mower General Hospital, at Chesnut Hill, under charge of Dr. J. Hopkinson, Surgeon U. S. V. After a thorough inspection of the hospital, they were unanimously of opinion, that in neatness, order, ventilation, and general administrative excellence, it was

an honor to the Government, the Medical Department, and the surgeon in charge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Professor Bache, Judge Skinner, Bishop Clark, Mr. Binney, Mr. Wolcott, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Van Buren, Professor Rogers, and Mr. Stillé.

The special order was taken up for discussion.

Resolved, That a Committee of four be appointed by the Chair, to consider the subject of the organization, location and final establishment of National Sanitaria for disabled soldiers, to report at their earliest convenience.

That said Committee have power to employ any necessary number of skilled agents to collect all available information in regard to the number of persons destined to be thrown on the public care by the war; to inquire what portion of these are likely to fall under the protection of the States, and what of the Federal Government; to learn what State enterprises are already a-foot, or in operation, and their character and prospects; and what Federal provisions are under consideration. Also, to tabulate and systematize the results of the inquiries pursued by Mr. Olmsted, Mr. Perkins, and Dr. Ordronaux, in relation to this subject.

Resolved, That under the advice of the Standing Committee, this Committee have power to establish such experimental Sanitaria as they may think necessary, to settle questions that cannot be reasonably determined on theoretical grounds.

The President named Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Stillé, and Professor Rogers as the Committee, and they were duly empowered.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented, and the President was requested to appoint an Auditing Committee, to report on the Treasurer's accounts, at the next quarterly meeting.

The General Secretary read a Report of Mr. T. J. O'Connell, concerning the condition of the work in the Actuary's office.

Resolved, That the Committee on Statistics be revived, with instructions to report, at an early date, in regard to the organization of the Department, to the Board. Also, that Dr. Bache, with Mr. Stillé, be requested to examine particularly into whatever evidence exists in our archives touching the mortality and sickness rate of the Army of the Potomac, and particularly of our losses in the Peninsula.

The monthly Report for February, of Mr. F. N. Knapp, Associate Secretary, at Washington, was read.

The Committee appointed at the January session of the Commission to consider the propriety of discontinuing the supply of fresh provisions to the hospitals at Washington, rendered their report.

The Commission voted to hold its next session at Louisville, Ky., May 5th, at 10 a. m.

The resolution concerning Honorary Membership, referred by the Standing Committee on the 23d of February, to the consideration of the Board, was laid upon the table.

At 3 p. m., adjourned to 9 a. m. on Friday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 9 a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Professor Bache, Judge Skinner, Mr. Binney, Bishop Clark, Professor Rogers, and Mr. Stillé.

Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, read a copy of a letter received from United States officers recently released from confinement at Richmond, concerning the forwarding of supplies to prisoners remaining at Richmond.

Voted, to print it for popular information.

The General Secretary read reports of the Relief Service at Washington, in the Army of the Potomac, at Norfolk, in North and South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama.

The report of Mr. John Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory, was read.

The General Secretary was directed to issue a circular to commanding officers and chaplains of regiments and hospitals, directing attention to the suffering often resulting to the families of soldiers, through their neglect to communicate by letter with their homes.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the Women's Council, held in the interest of the Supply Department, at Washington, January 18–20, 1864.

The President read a letter, addressed by him to Dr. M. M. Marsh, Inspector of the Commission in the Department of the South.

At 1 p. m. the Commission adjourned.

SEVENTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock, at the Rooms of the Central Office, 244 F street, Washington.

Present—Prof. A. D. Bache, LL. D., Vice President; Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer; Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, and Dr. C. R. Agnew.

The Treasurer reported that he had received from California drafts amounting to fifty thousand dollars, and was instructed to send the same to New York on deposit, properly endorsed.

Dr. Agnew, Chairman of the Committee on National Sanitaria, reported progress, and asked that the committee be heard at a subsequent session of the Board.

Mr. Strong presented the minutes of the Standing Committee since the last session of the Commission; which were ordered to be laid upon the table for the inspection of Members of the Commission.

The Treasurer presented his report, showing a balance in the Treasury, on the 30th day of April, 1864, of three hundred and ninety-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-one dollars and fifty-four cents.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Benj. Collins was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Commission during the pleasure of the Board.

At 12 o'clock, adjourned to 8, p. m.

EVENING—8, P. M.

Present—Prof. Bache, Vice President; Mr. Strong, Treasurer; Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Stillé, Members of the Board; and Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Member.

The General Secretary, Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary for the East, and Dr. Steiner, Chief Inspector of the Armies in Eastern Virginia and Maryland, then made verbal reports of the degree of preparation made by the officers of the Commission for the emergencies of the impending campaign; which were approved.

The General Secretary read a report of Dr. Joseph Parrish, concerning the need of extending the canvassing agencies for supplies in kind to the Commission's storehouses.

Voted, that Mr. Stillé, Dr. Agnew, and the General Secretary be appointed a committee to issue a circular for popular information as to the expenses of the Commission.

At 10.45, adjourned to 10, a. m., on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission met at 11, a. m.

Present—Prof. Bache, Vice President; Mr. Strong, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Bishop Clark, Mr. Binney, and Mr. Stillé, Members of the Board; and Jno. S. Blatchford and Marcus L. Ward, Esqs., Associate Members.

The General Secretary presented his quarterly report. Dr. Douglas, Chief of Inspection, read his report of the work of Inspection and the reports of Inspectors E. A. Crane, Isaac Fairchild, Gordon Winslow, A. C. Castleman, Henry Parker, Wm. F. Swalm, E. S. Warren, and L. L. Coxe, Inspectors in the armies within the Department of the Gulf, in the Army of the Potomac, the Army of the Cumberland, the Army of Ohio, and the Army of the Tennessee.

Dr. Douglas also read the reports of Dr. Buckley and Mr. E. B. Fairchild, upon the physical and social characteristics of

Union and Rebel soldiers, and presented the results of their examinations in tabular form, prepared by Mr. O'Connell, chief clerk in the office of the Actuary.

Mr. F. N. Knapp, Associate Secretary, read a report of the work of the Commission in the Atlantic and Coast Department since January 1st.

At 3, p. m., adjourned until 8, p. m.

EVENING.

Present—Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Binney, Bishop Clark, and Mr. Stillé, Members of the Board; and Mr. John S. Blatchford, Associate Member.

The General Secretary read a telegram received during the recess, concerning preparation for emergencies, on the Peninsula, also copy of instructions to the Associate Secretary, and to Inspectors Steiner and McDonald with reference to the above.

Voted, that the action of the General Secretary be approved.

The Treasurer was directed to make a deposit of $5,000 with Riggs & Co., to the credit of the Washington office.

The Committee on National Sanitaria, read a report recommending an appropriation of $100,000 for the establishment of an experimental sanitarium, which was accepted.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the establishment of Sanitaria be referred back to that committee, with instructions to report the plan proposed by them to the next meeting of the Commission in fuller detail, and also to take the opinion of the counsel in New York and Philadelphia as to the rights and liabilities of the Commission and its members as to said plan, and also in regard to the agencies established and in contemplation in regard to pensions, bounties, and back pay.

Resolved, That the Chief of Inspection be instructed to prepare at the earliest moment a full statement of the service

rendered by the United States Sanitary Commission by the distribution of anti-scorbutics in the army.

At 10.30, p. m., adjourned until 10, a. m., on Thursday.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1864—MORNING.

Present—Prof. Bache, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Binney, Dr. Gibbs, Bishop Clark, Mr. Strong, Dr. Harris, Mr. Stillé, and Dr. Newberry, Members of the Commission; and Messrs. Jno. S. Blatchford and William Binney, Associate Members.

Dr. Steiner, Chief Inspector of the Army of the Potomac, made his monthly report for May 1st.

Voted, that the General Secretary be requested to apply, in the name of the Commission, to the Quartermaster General for means of water communication with the Army of the Potomac, should the same be required; and in default of obtaining assignment of a boat or boats, that he be instructed to provide the needed transportation at the expense of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be instructed to revise the existing regulations now in force for the conduct of the affairs of the Commission, and to report the same, with such additions as they may approve, to the Commission at its next meeting.

And that such regulations, when adopted by the Committee, be in force until the next meeting of the Commission.

Resolved, That the device for a seal for the Commission, submitted by the Standing Committee, be referred back to the Committee with power to adopt the same, with such variations in detail as they may approve.

Resolved, That it is expedient to publish a complete addition of the Medical Monographs of the Commission, (including Doc. No. 46;) that the Surgeon General be respectfully invited to edit such reprint, and that he be invited to correspond with Messrs. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, on the subject, and to report the result to the Standing Committee.

The quarterly report of Mr. Bloor, Assistant Secretary, was then read.

Resolved, That the attention of the General Secretary be called to that portion of Mr. Bloor's Report which relates to irregularities in the consignment of supplies from the New York office.

The General Secretary presented the Report of Mr. Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory.

An application for books, to be sent to the forts on the overland route to California, was referred to the Standing Committee, with power.

A communication from Lieutenant Colonel Hamlin, Medical Inspector, concerning the use of vinegar as a prophylactic in the army, was referred to the Standing Committee with power.

The General Secretary was directed to inquire of the accountant by what authority payments had been made on account of Mr. Elliot since the termination of his leave of absence.

Hon. E. D. Morgan was elected an Associate Member of the Commission.

Resolved, unanimously, That Bishop Clark and Dr. Agnew be a committee to wait upon the Secretary of War, to assure him of the strong desire of the Commission to co-operate to the utmost extent of its power with the Government, and especially with the War Department in its measures for promoting the highest efficiency of the Army at the present time.

Resolved, That the gentlemen named be authorized to associate with them upon their committee, any Associate Member or Members of the Commission.

An application of the Protective War Claim Association, of Boston, for recognition of the local agency of the Commission in the work of obtaining pay, bounty, and pensions for those having claims on the United States Government, was referred to the Standing Committee, with power.

The General Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution of the Commission, adopted January 13th, Mr. Elliot was no longer borne on the Roster of the Commission.

Dr. Newberry, Associate Secretary at Lousville, presented

a report of the work of the Commission in the Western field.

Voted, that in view of the interest and importance of the report of the Associate Secretary, he be requested to reduce it to writing, and to publish it as a document of the Commission.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mr. Bowne, accountant, stating, in reply to the resolution of inquiry this day adopted, concerning payments on account of Mr. Elliot, that they had been made on the authority of Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary. The General Secretary was directed to inquire of Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, by what authority payments have been made on account of Mr. Elliot since the termination of his leave of absence.

At 5.30, p. m., the Commission adjourned until 9, p. m.

Evening, 9 P. M.

Present—Prof. Bache, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Newberry, and Dr. Harris, Members of the Board; Brig. Gen. W. A. Hammond and Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Members.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to open an account in the name of Dr. Newberry with such bank in the city of New York as the Standing Committee may direct.

Voted, that when the Commission adjourn, it be to meet in New York, at 11 o'clock, on the 12th day of July next.

Voted, that at the earliest opportunity, a committee of three be appointed to confer with the President of the United States upon the question of procuring ready and sufficiently prompt and safe access of our supplies, our agents, and all our means of succour to our wounded and sick upon battle-fields and hospitals when within the enemy's lines. The Vice President, Dr. Harris, and the General Secretary were appointed such committee.

The attention of the Commission was called to the probable

necessity of providing for the army during the coming campaign varied anti-scorbutic food, and the question of largely providing it was referred to the Standing Committee with power.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to deposit with Riggs & Co., $10,000 to the credit of the Washington Office, and to the credit of Dr. Newberry, Associate Secretary, $5,000 at a bank in New York, to be designated by the Standing Committee.

At 11, p. m., the Commission adjourned.

EIGHTEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1864—MORNING.

Office of the Commission, 823 Broadway, New York. At 12 o'clock m., only Messrs. J. H. Wolcott, Dr. C. R. Agnew and Dr. E. Harris having arrived, adjournment was made until 4 p. m.

4 p. m. The Commission assembled, Mr. Stillé in the chair.

Present—Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Harris.

Resolved, That the "Complete Edition of the Medical Monographs of the Commission," reprinted and edited, in accordance with the invitation of the Commission, by the Surgeon General of the Army, and now in the hands of the publishers, (Messrs. Lippincott, of Philadelphia,) be sold by them on account of the Commission.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission be respectfully tendered to the Surgeon General, for his prompt compliance with their invitation to edit the reprint.

At 5.30 p. m. adjourned, to meet at 8 p. m., at the house of Dr. Van Buren, Fourth Avenue.

EVENING.

The Commission assembled at the house of Dr. Van Buren, Fourth Avenue. Mr. Stillé in the chair.

Present—Dr. Van Buren, Mr. Strong, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Dr. Agnew and Mr. Stillé.

The Treasurer presented his Report of receipts and disbursements, showing a balance in treasury, on June 30th, of $1,005,396.68; which was accepted.

Voted, that Dr. Newberry and Dr. Harris be appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

Dr. Agnew, for the Standing Committee, presented the Report of its action during the recess of the Commission; which report was accepted.

Resolved, That the commission of Dr. A. M. Ross, now acting as agent of the U. S. Sanitary Commission at Montreal, be cancelled from this date, and that the General Secretary take such action, either through the State Department, or the U. S. Consul General at Montreal, as will secure this action. Also, that copies of the correspondence on this subject be sent to the State Department.

Voted, that the General Secretary be directed to request the Managers of the Soldier's Aid Society of Montreal, to designate a person fitted to represent the Commission's interests in Canada.

Mr. Strong, from the committee appointed at the last session of the Board to visit the Honorable, the Secretary of War to renew its tenders of assistance to the Government, made a report which was accepted.

The General Secretary read the report of Capt. Isaac Harris concerning the movement of the wagon trains of the Commission from Belle Plain to City Point.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission are due and are hereby tendered to Captain Isaac Harris for his distinguished zeal and ability in managing the wagon transportation of the Commission during the recent movement of the army from Fredericksburg to City Point.

At 11 p. m. adjourned to meet at 823 Broadway, at 1 p. m. on Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 1 p. m., at 223 Broadway, Mr. Wolcott in the chair.

Present—Mr. Wolcott, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, Mr. Stillé, Mr. Strong, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Van Buren.

The General Secretary read the first section of his report, concerning the relief work of the Commission during the two months since the adjournment of the Commission.

Dr. Newberry, the Associate Secretary for the West, made a verbal report of the Commission's work at the West, during the interval since the last session of the Commission.

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the Commission that thousands of letters, addressed to officers and soldiers now in active service in the field, or sick in hospital, are accumulating daily at different points, in consequence of imperfect direction of said letters, although prepaid according to law; and whereas the experiment has already been tried by the Commission of redeeming these letters and forwarding them to their destination with success and great satisfaction to the soldiers: Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Secretary cause to be prepared and published, in the Bulletin, Reporter, and public prints, a correct statement as to the proper mode in which letters from home to soldiers in the field should be directed, in order that they may most certainly reach their destination.

Resolved, That the proper officers of the Commission be instructed to pay the necessary postage on letters to soldiers in the field or in hospital, which, under existing usage of the Post Office Department, are obstructed in their transmission, and that the matter of distribution of letters to soldiers be referred to the General Secretary, with power. Each letter thus forwarded to bear the stamp of the Commission.

Dr. Agnew drew the attention of the Board to defects in its plan of executive organization.

Voted, to make this subject of the executive organization of the Board the special order at half past 2 o'clock on Thursday.

At 5 o'clock, adjourned to 8, p. m.

EVENING, 8 P. M.

Present—Mr. Wolcott, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. Harris, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Newberry, and Dr. Agnew.

Mr. F. N. Knapp, Associate Secretary for the East, read a report of the work in the district under his supervision, for the quarter ending June 30th; which was accepted.

Also, reports of

Dr. G. C. Caldwell, Hospital Visitor at Washington.

Mr. J. H. Holt, " " "

Mr. J. B. Abbott, First Assistant to the Special Relief Agent at Washington.

Dr. Julius Nichols, Surgeon of the Home Hospital, at Washington.

Mr Knapp also presented the report of Dr. Geo. A. Blake, Chief Inspector for the Commission in the Department of the Gulf, of a trip made from New Orleans to Cairo, in charge of hospital transport N. W. Thomas.

At 10.30 p. m., adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. on Thursday.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 823 Broadway, at two p. m. Mr. Wolcott in the chair. Present—Mr. Wolcott, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, and Mr. Strong.

Mr. Stillé, chairman of the committee appointed at the last session of the Commission to prepare for popular information a Circular concerning the expenses of the Commission, reported that the Circular had been delayed in order to embody the details of expenditure up to July 1st.

Mr. Stillé, chairman of the Committee on National Sanitaria, reported progress, and the committee was continued.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Associates be requested to transfer, to the credit of George T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer of the Commission, $500,000, part of the proceeds of the Great Central Fair, now on deposit with the Government authorities in that city, and that they retain in Philadelphia, at interest, the balance of the fund derived from the said Great Central Fair, subject at all times to the order of the Commission, except such portion of the same as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Associates for maintaining the organization of the agency of that city in its fullest efficiency, and the purchase of such articles there as may be ordered by the proper authorities of the Commission.

The General Secretary concluded the reading of his report, which was accompained by the following documents, viz: [see Appendix.]

The Treasurer was authorized to make deposit with Riggs & Co. to the credit of the Washington Office of ten thousand dollars.

Dr. Gibbs extended an invitation from the officers of the Union League Club to the members of the Commission to attend the monthly meeting of the Club, this evening, which was accepted, and the thanks of the Commission voted to the officers of the Club.

The Treasurer was authorized to remit to R. M. Lewis, Esq., of Philadelphia, nine thousand dollars, on account of shipments to the army by steamer Liberty and barge James Hand.

Whereas, Dr. J. W. Page, Inspector of the Commission, has repeatedly failed to comply with the orders of the Board to make stated reports: Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to relieve Dr. J. W. Page, Inspector, from duty with the forces in North Carolina.

Mr. Strong made a report from the sub-committee appointed by the Standing Committee to visit City Point, Va., for the purpose of making a personal examination of the operations of the Commission in connection with the Army of the Potomac, and offered the following resolution; which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Commission are due, and are hereby tendered, to Capt. Simmons and Lieut. A. J. Jackaway, of the gunboat Dawn; Lieut. Marjoram, commanding the gunboat General Jessup; and Acting Ensign Lasher, of the gunboat Young America, for their persevering and zealous efforts to assist the U. S. Sanitary Commission propeller "Commander," while aground in an exposed condition on the James River, on the 28th, 29th and 30th June last.

And the General Secretary be requested to notify these gentlemen of the action of the Commission.

The General Secretary read the report of Mr. D. Forbes, Superintendent of the Army and Navy Claim Agency of the Commission.

Resolved, That from and after the 1st day of August next, every person in the service of the Board above the grade of ordinary clerk, laborer, or teamster, shall make a weekly report in writing to his immediate official superior, unless he shall present a written excuse which shall be satisfactory to the Commission, or to the Standing Committee when the Commission is not in session.

Resolved, That from and after the 1st day of August next, no payments shall be made on account of the salary of any person in the service of the Commission, above the rank of ordinary clerk, laborer, or teamster, who shall have failed to comply with the provisions of the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to prepare a circular letter, to be addressed to all the Agents of the Commission referred to in the foregoing resolution, enforcing upon them the necessity of complying with its provisions with the utmost strictness.

The General Secretary was directed to urge upon Dr. Douglas the propriety of quartering the Relief Corps, operating from City Point, Va., in tents, as far as practicable, rather than upon boats near the shore.

Voted, that the General Secretary be directed to accept the conditions of sale, submitted in writing, by Mr. R. Riker, for the barge Rhinebeck.

At 5 o'clock, adjourned until 7 p. m.

EVENING.

823 Broadway—7 p. m.

Present—Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris.

The General Secretary presented the Report of Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Boston Associates of the Commission, concerning the work of special relief conducted by them in Boston, for the quarter ending June 30th.

The Commission went into a committee of the whole on the subject of the executive organization of the Commission.

Dr. Newberry from the Auditing Committee on the Treasurer's Report, reported that the accounts were correct, and in accordance with the vouchers, showing a balance of $1,005,396 68 in the Treasury, June 30th.

Voted, that the Standing Committee hereafter designate the place of the next quarterly meeting of the Commission.

Resolved, That all letters addressed to the office at Washington, be at once referred, on their receipt, to the officer in charge of the special department having supervision of the subject.

Resolved, That the Associate Secretary for the East be requested to instruct each officer to whom such letters are referred, that it is his duty immediately to acknowledge their receipt, and, if possible, to transmit at once the information sought for.

Voted, that Mr. Wolcott be added to the Committee on circular concerning expenditures.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to combine the "Regulations for the service of the Sanitary Commission" with those contained in the "Extracts from the Minutes of the Standing Committee for the 8th of July," and publish the same as the rules for the Executive Service of the Commission, and that said rules are duly approved and adopted in substance by the Board.

Resolved, That such rules be incorporated with the above, as occur in the minutes of this session of the Board.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay $50, received from the Seneca Falls Soldier's Aid Association, for the purchase of goods, to the Woman's Central Association of Relief.

Voted, that Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry,. and the General Secretary be constituted a Committee, with power to frame and promulgate a code of rules for the government of the relief agents of the Commission.

Voted, that the Commission considers it desirable that some of its members should frequently visit the stations of the Commission with the chief armies, and that the General Secretary be instructed to correspond, from time to time, with members of the Commisssion, with the view of securing such visitation of said stations.

At 9.30 p. m., the Eighteenth Session of the Commission was adjourned.

APPENDIX.

Reports concerning the current work of the United States Sanitary Commission, presented at its eighteenth session, July 12–14, 1864:

1. Report of the Standing Committee.
2. Report of George T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer.
3. Report of the Auditing Committee.
4. Report of the Committee on Conference with the Hon. the Secretary of War.
5. Report of Committee appointed to visit City Point, Va., for the purpose of examination of the operations of the Commission in connection with the army operating against Richmond.
6. Report of Dr. J. Foster Jenkins, General Secretary, communicating the following reports:

A. Report of Mr. F. N. Knapp, Associate Secretary for the East, accompanied by the following reports:

a. Report of Mr. J. Y. Culyer, Chief Clerk of the Washington office.

b. Report of Dr. G. C. Caldwell, Hospital Visitor for Washington, D. C., and vicinity.

c. Report of Mr. J. B. Holt, Assistant Hospital Visitor.

d. Report of Dr. Geo. A. Blake, Chief Inspector for the Commission in the Department of the Gulf, of a trip made from New Orleans to Cairo, in charge of hospital transport N. W. Thomas.

e. Report of Mr. J. B. Abbott, First Assistant Special Relief Agent at Washington, D. C.

f. Report of Dr. Julius Nichols, Surgeon of the Home Hospital, at Washington D. C.

g. Report of Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Boston Associates of the Commission, concerning the work of special relief conducted by them in Boston, for the quarter ending June 30th.

B. Report of Dr. Julius Nichols, on Sanitary Inspection of the 22d Army Corps, within the Department of the Defences of Washington.

C. Report of Dr. Henry Parker, on Sanitary Inspection of the 1st and 3d Divisions of the 14th Army Corps, near Ringgold, Ga.

D. Report of Dr. C. B. Webster, on Sanitary Inspection of 15th Army Corps, near Huntsville, Ala.

E. Report of Dr. A. L. Castleman, concerning the Transportation of the Sick and Wounded from recent battle-fields in Georgia, to the General Hospitals at the rear.

F. Report of Dr. E. L. Warren, concerning service at the General Field Hospital at Resaca, Ga.

G. Report of Capt. Isaac Harris, concerning the movement of the wagon train of the Commission, from Belle Plain to City Point, Va., during May and June, 1864, with a map of the route.

H. Report of Mr. Darius Forbes, Superintendent of the Army and Navy Claim Agency of the Commission.

7. Report of Dr. Jno. S. Newberry, Associate Secretary for the West.

NOTE.—The following Reports were received at New York, July 15th, the day subsequent to the adjournment of the Com-

mission, having been delayed on the road by the rebel raid into Maryland, viz:

1. Report of Mr. John Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory.

2. Report of Dr. B. A. Gould, the Commission's Actuary.

3. Report of Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, Chief Inspector for the U. S. Sanitary Commission of the Army of the Potomac, for May and June, 1864.

a. Two reports of Mr. George E. Holbrook, Relief Agent with the Second Army Corps, for the weeks ending June 26th and July 3d, 1864.

b. Report of Mr. S. N. Blazier, Relief Agent with the Sixth Army Corps, for three weeks ending May 29th, 1864.

4. Report of Hon. Frank B. Fay, Superintendent of Auxiliary Relief Corps, Army of Potomac, for the period from May 4th to July 10th, 1864.

5. Nine reports concerning the distribution of vegetables to the army, near Petersburg, Va., July 1–4, 1864.

6. Report of Dr. T. B. Smith concerning services at Belle Plain, Fredericksburg, Port Royal, White House, and City Point, for six weeks, ending June 22d, 1864.

NINETEENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1864—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock, at the Washington office, 244 F street, Washington, D. C.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President ; Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer ; Horace Binney, Jr., Esq., Dr. C. R. Agnew, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, D. D., C. J. Stillé, Esq., Members of the Board ; Mr. Benjamin Collins, Assistant Treasurer ; and Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. Auxiliary Association, Boston.

The President, Rev. Dr. Bellows, read an address.

The Treasurer, George T. Strong, Esq., presented his quarterly report, showing a balance on hand, Oct. 15th, of $481,786 10.

The whole amount received by the Treasurer from all sources, since his appointment, is three millions and seventy-one thousand, two hundred and sixty-five dollars and one cent.	$3,071,265 01
To this must be added the aggregate of contributions received at the Washington office and credited to the Central Treasury, though not actually received by the Treasurer.....	21,650 46
And the amount of contributions received at Louisville credited in like manner.....	14,560 96
Making a total of.....	$3,107,476 43

The sources from which this sum has been received are, as nearly as they can be ascertained, as follows, viz :

Maine.....	$22,810 51
New Hampshire.....	1,667 05
Vermont.....	2,834 92
Massachusetts.....	52,746 64
Rhode Island.....	10,316 46

Connecticut	7,072 18
People of New England	6,683 75
New York	213,220 10
New Jersey	217,966 93
Pennsylvania	11,896 83
Delaware	785 00
Maryland	2,925 70
District of Columbia	3,236 91
Ohio	4,900 00
Indiana	1,164 15
Illinois	6,090 82
Michigan	632 25
Wisconsin	1,083 00
Minnesota	66 85
Kentucky	6,382 12
Missouri	80 00
Louisiana	2,861 25
North Carolina	5 00
California	970,987 43
Nevada	73,817 25
Oregon	48,916 27
Washington	19,837 99
Idaho	2,503 04
Colorado	1,025 00
Vancouver's Island	2,195 61
Nebraska	10 50
Santiago de Chili	3,688 84
Honolulu	7,185 00
Peru	2,002 00
Cuba	23 00
Canada	441 48
Newfoundland	150 00
England	11,000 00
Scotland	50 00
France	3,550 00
European Branch	11,872 72
London Branch	34,057 09
Belgium	100 00
Germany	760 00
Turkey	90 00
China	2,989 00
Japan	5,000 90
Italy	50 00
U. S. Navy	174 00
Total	$1,579,905 54

Contributions from Sanitary Fairs.

New England State Fair, Boston..	$50,000 00	
Yonkers	12,000 00	
Flushing	3,934 82	
Brooklyn	300,000 00	
Schuyler Co	1,287 48	
Albany	80,000 00	
Metropolitan	1,001,039 24	
Warwick, Orange Co	1,432 73	
Poughkeepsie	16,192 27	
Hornellsville	800 00	
South Adams, Mass	3,087 04	
Maryland State	40,000 00	
Wheeling, Va	2,500 00	
		1,512,278 03
Unknown sources		7,584 93
Interest on United States Certificates at 6 per cent. withdrawn from U. S. Treasury		5,789 80
Interest on $300,000 allowed by Nassau Bank, Brooklyn		1,923 63
		$3,107,476 43

Voted, that Mr. Stillé and Mr. Binney be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accont.

The General Secretary presented the minutes of the Standing Committee since the last session, and read an abstract of their more important records.

The General Secretary read his quarterly report.

The General Secretary read the preliminary report of Dr. Gould, Actuary, and his monthly reports for September 1st and October 1st.

Voted, that Dr. Agnew be added to the committee appointed by the Board, March 10, 1864, "to examine particularly into whatever evidence exists in our archives touching the mortality and sickness rate of the Army of the Potomac, and particularly of our losses on the Peninsula."

Resolved, That that commmittee be instructed to ascertain and report how far the Battle-field Relief Agencies of the Commission may have lessened the sufferings and mortality of the sick and wounded national soldiers.

Mr. Binney submitted and read, on behalf of the Executive

Committee of the Philadelphia Associates of the Commission, a report made October 24th to the Committee on the Protective War Claim Agency of that body, by W. N. Ashman, Solicitor of the Agency.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the President, Mr. Stillé, and Mr. Strong, members of this Commission, be appointed for the purpose of making application to the President of the Confederate States (with permission of the Government of the United States) for leave to send supplies to prisoners of war belonging to the army of the United States, through agents to be employed by the Commission, and approved by such officers as the President of the Confederate States may appoint; such agents to be allowed to make personal distribution of their supplies, paying the transportation thereof within the Confederate lines, and to be put under proper obligations as to silence in regard to matters coming under their observation while thus employed.

That said committee have power to publish such application, and any correspondence that may result therefrom.

Mr. Strong presented a tabulated statement of the disbursements of the Commission from its organization to October 1 1864, prepared by Mr. Benjamin Collins, Assistant Treasurer; which was referred to the Committee on the Financial Statement, appointed May 3, 1864.

Voted, that Mr. Strong be added to that Committee.

Voted, that the President be requested to express to Dr. Bache, Vice President of the Commission, the hearty good wishes of the Board on his proposed departure for Europe.

The General Secretary read the quarterly report of Mr. John Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory.

Voted, that the morning sessions be held from 10, a. m., to 2, p. m., and that an executive session be held daily at 7, p. m.

On motion, adjourned until 7, p. m.

EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 7 p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Agnew, Bishop Clark, and Mr. Wolcott, members of the Commission; and Mr. Benj. Collins, Assistant Treasurer.

Voted, to authorize the purchase of 800 pairs of gray woolen blankets to be sent to Colonel Muhlech, at Winchester, to replace blankets borrowed from the Quartermaster's Department by Dr. E. Harris.

A letter having been read addressed by an army surgeon to a gentleman interested in the work of the Commission, making certain strictures upon the Commission's mode of issuing supplies—

Resolved, That said letter be referred to the Associate Secretary of the Eastern Department, with instructions to inquire into the truth of its allegations, and of other statements to the like effect, in conjunction with said surgeon, if possible, and to take in writing and report such evidence on the subject, both for and against such allegations, as he may be able to obtain.

Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary for the East, read his quarterly report.

At 10 o'clock, the Commission adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, President, Bishop Clark, Mr. Binney, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Stillé, Mr. Strong, and Dr. Agnew, Members of the Board; Benj. Collins, Esq., Assistant Treasurer, and Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. Auxiliary Association, Boston.

The General Secretary presented and read, as supplementary to the report of the Associate Secretary, Mr. Knapp, the quar-

terly report of Mr. J. B. Abbott, Chief Assistant in the Department of Special Relief at Washington, D. C.;

The quarterly report of Mr. J. Y. Culyer, Chief Clerk of the Washington office;

The quarterly report of Mr. J. B. Clark, Superintendent of the Home at Washington;

The quarterly report of Dr. Julius Nichols, Pension Examiner and Physician at the Home;

The quarterly report of Rev. J. A. Whittaker concerning Relief Work at and near Annapolis, Md., and a preliminary report of Dr. Joseph Parrish, Superintendent of the department of canvassing and supplies.

Voted, that a circular be addressed by a committee consisting of Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, and Mr. Wolcott to the several religious publication societies of the country, tendering the service of the Commission for the distribution of such printed matter as may be contributed by them for army circulation.

Voted, that Dr. McDonald be authorized to erect a storehouse at City Point, at a cost of $2,000.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to send Dr. McDonald $12,000 on account of expenses for October.

Resolved, That a committee of which the President of the Commission shall be one, be appointed to proceed to City Point, and confer with the military authorities and Dr. McDonald as to the best means of reducing the expenses of the Commission's work at that point.

The President associated with himself on this committee, Mr. Wolcott and Mr. Stillé.

The General Secretary read the quarterly report of Dr. A. McDonald, in charge of the Commission's work on the James river, and the report of Dr. Wm. F. Swalm, Executive Officer at City Point.

At 1.45, p. m., adjourned.

EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 7 p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Binney, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Strong, and Mr. Stillé, Members of the Board; and Mr. Benj. Collins, Assistant Treasurer.

Voted, to reconsider the resolution of the 25th inst., concerning application to the Confederate authorities for permission to relieve national soldiers in rebel prisons.

On reconsideration, the resolution was lost.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of the President, Mr. Stillé, and Mr. Wolcott, Members of this Commission, be appointed for the purpose of asking, (with the permission of the Government of the United States,) from General Grant, a flag of truce and an interview with General Lee, for the purpose of soliciting authority from him to send supplies to our prisoners of war, through agents to be employed by the Commission and approved by him, or those under whose authority he acts. Such agents to be allowed to make personal distribution of their supplies, paying the transportation thereof within the lines of the enemy, and to be put under proper obligations as to silence in regard to matters coming under their observation while so employed.

Voted, that two Medical Inspectors be appointed by the General Secretary to visit the hospitals of Washington and the Eastern Department, and to attend to the usual duties of such officers.

Voted, that it is expedient to repeat the general inspection of hospitals throughout the country as in November, 1862, upon the plan then matured by the Medical Committee, and that the Surgeon General be requested to furnish us with the same facilites, then extended to the Commission, in accordance with its original charter by the War Department, as a Commission of inquiry and advice into the sanitary condition of the United States forces.

The President read a report of Col. Muhlech, Superinten-

dent of the Commission's work in the Shenandoah Valley, under date of October 23, 1864.

The President read a letter addressed to him by Dr. E. Harris, a member of the Commission, dated Winchester, October 24, 1864, which letter was referred to the Associate Secretary for the East, with power.

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At 11 p. m adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27—MORNING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Wolcott, Bishop Clark, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stillé, Mr. Strong, and Dr. Agnew, Members of the Commission; and Mr. Benjamin Collins, Assistant Treasurer.

Resolved, That every member of the Commission is entitled to the fullest information of all its officers and agents as to all matters connected with its work, and to every opportunity of inspecting their operations, and forming an opinion as to their discretion and efficiency.

But that no member of the Commission, unless acting under special orders from the Commission or the Standing Committee, is entitled to control or interfere with any such officer or agent in the execution of his official work. And that members of the Commission, so acting under special orders, are not authorized to assume any responsibility beyond the subject-matter of such order.

Voted, to add a member to the Standing Committee from Philadelphia.

Voted, that Mr. Stillé be elected such member of the Committee.

Voted, to appropriate $750 to reimburse Mr. Knapp for money advanced to Col. Muhlech, for expenses of the Commission in the Shenandoah Valley.

Voted, that the next session of the Commission be held at Washington, January 10, 1865.

Resolved, That the Associate Secretary for the East be authorized to spend an amount not exceeding $3,000 in the pur-

chase of supplies to meet battle-field emergencies, such purchase to be forthwith reported to the General Secretary, and that no further purchase be made by him till such purchase is approved.

And that he is, in like manner, and under like limitation, authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for ordinary purposes.

Provided, however, that the purchases authorized by this resolution be made only in emergencies in which it is impossible first to obtain authority therefor from the General Secretary or the Standing Committee, without serious detriment to the service of the Commission.

Voted, that Mr. Wm. A. Hovey be appointed Assistant Secretary at Washington, with his present compensation, during the pleasure of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Board has been highly gratified by finding the cemetery near the Soldiers' Home, dedicated to the interment of more than six thousand of our national soldiers, so beautifully laid out and so admirably arranged with the view of identifying the remains of each individual.

Resolved, That the Board desire to express to Capt. Moore, of the Quartermaster's Department, its high appreciation of the humanity and energy shown by him in the prosecution and completion of this important work.

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Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Board, the expenditures of the Commission must be materially diminished, and that the Standing Committee be instructed to take such action as will bring about such result.

The General Secretary read the reports of Mr. F. B. Fay, Superintendent of the Auxiliary Relief Corps at and near City Point, Va., and of Mr. A. M. Sperry, Relief Agent in charge of the Commission's station at the hospital for colored troops near City Point.

Mr. Binney presented a report of the Committee on the Treasurer's account, showing it to be correct and in accordance with the vouchers, exhibiting a balance on hand of $481,786 10.

At 2, p. m., adjourned.

Evening.

The Commission assembled at 7, p. m.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stillé, Mr. Strong, Bishop Clark, Dr. Agnew, and Dr. Newberry, Members of the Commission; and Mr. Benj. Collins, Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Stillé, Chairman of the Committee on the Financial Statement for popular information, presented a draft of a report, which was accepted, and referred back to the Committee, with instructions to bring up its statements to October, 1864, and, when so completed, to print it.

The General Secretary presented a summary of the work of the Commission's Army and Navy Claim Agency, to October 1, 1864.

The General Secretary presented an application from the Executive Committee of the Boston Associates, asking for an appropriation for the special relief of the Commission in Boston.

Voted, that the Commission authorize the Treasurer of the Boston Associates to draw upon the Treasurer of the Commission for $2,828 28, for obligations incurred in the special relief service in Boston, and that the communication of the Secretary of the Boston Associates, of October 20th, be referred to the Associate Secretary for the East, for report to the Standing Committee concerning its proposals.

Mr. Knapp presented the quarterly report of the Special Relief service of the Commission at Boston, for the quarter ending September 30, 1864.

Voted, that it is inexpedient to entrust the disbursement of any funds of the Commission to any civilian within the rebel lines.

Voted, that an appeal be addressed to the churches of the loyal States for concerted assistance to the treasury of the Commission on the occasion of the coming national thanksgiving.

A letter from Mr. Knapp, Assistant Secretary, to the President was read, and elicited general discussion.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to prepare a second report to the Secretary of War on the work of the Commission since December 1, 1862; and that he be authorized to call on members and officers of the Commission to assist him in the preparation of the same.

Voted, that Dr. Newberry be requested to present to the Commission, at his earliest convenience, his views as to the most desirable scheme of inspectorial work.

At 11 o'clock the Commission adjourned.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Harris, and Dr. Agnew, Members of the Commission; Mr. Benj. Collins, Assistant Treasurer, R. M. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Associate Member, and Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. Auxiliary Association, Boston.

Dr. B. A. Gould, the Commission's Actuary, made verbal report as to the condition of the work in the Statistical Bureau of the Commission.

Voted, that the Secretary be requested to proceed at once to complete the loss and gain returns of the army, from August 1862 to the present time, and also to continue the collection and tabulation of the total statistics of the army, and carry on the general work of the Bureau according to the original plan.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to remit to Messrs. King & Baird three thousand dollars, on account of their bill, for printing the late report on the Treatment of our Prisoners by the Rebels.

A communication from Samuel Powell, Esq., of Philadelphia, to Mr. H. Binney, Jr., on the subject of the better accommodation of transport steamers arriving at Philadelphia with sick and wounded, was, on motion, referred to the Standing Committee.

Dr. Newberry, Associate Secretary at Louisville, presented and read his quarterly report of the Commission's work in the Western Department.

Voted, that the report be accepted, and the Associate Secretary be requested to prepare it for publication as soon as possible.

The President communicated the resignation of Mr. Bowne, Cashier of the Washington Office, which resignation was referred to the Standing Committee.

Dr. Harris made a statement regarding the condition of the Commission's service in the Shenandoah Valley.

At 2, p, m., adjourned.

EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 7 o'clock.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Dr. Harris, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Newberry, and Dr. Agnew, Members of the Commission; and Mr. Lewis, of Philadelphia, Associate Member.

Voted, that, until further orders, the general work of the Hospital Directory at Washington be so modified as to constitute an office of inquiry, employing not more than two men, under such regulations as may be deemed advisable by the Associate Secretary; a full report upon the efficiency of this provision to be made to the General Secretary at the expiration of one month.

Whereas a communication has been received from J. Alexander Shriver, agent for P. & B. Steamboat Co., relative to certain charter money claimed from the United States Government by said company for services of the steamboat "Elizabeth," during the past year of 1863, while said "Elizabeth" was used by the Sanitary Commission, to which service she had been assigned by order of the Quartermaster General; and whereas the steamboat "Elizabeth" was chartered, not by the Sanitary Commission, but by the Government, and assigned to

the service of the Sanitary Commission in its gratuitous labor for the soldiers, by order of the Quartermaster General, subject to withdrawal by his order at any time:

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission cannot recognize a claim upon them for the services of the steamboat "Elizabeth," during any part of the period referred to, and is unable to appropriate any portion of the trust funds in its hands to the payment of obligations for which it is not liable.

The Commission elected as Associate Members Messrs. [See Appendix A,] and as Corresponding, Messrs. [See Appendix B.]

Voted, that the Standing Committee be requested to issue to the Associate Members of the Commission an address concerning the claims of the Commission upon them for service.

Voted, that the diplomas of all Corresponding Members of the Commission elected thus far be dated August 18, 1864.

Mr. Knapp, Associate Secretary, presented a communication proposing the creation of a General Department of Special Relief Work, the subject-matter of which was referred to a committee, consisting of the President, the General and the Associate Secretaries.

At 12, m., the session was adjourned.

TWENTIETH SESSION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1865.

The Commission assembled at 244 F street, Washington, at 7.30, p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Horace Binney, jr., Esq., C. J. Stillé, Esq., Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Dr. J. S. Newberry, Dr. E. Harris, Members of the Commission, and Dr. B. A. Gould and J. Warner Johnson, Esq, Associate Members.

The President called the attention of the Commission to the consideration of certain alleged abuses in the issue of supplies, and to the necessity of still further retrenchment in the expenditures of the Commission.

Voted, that the General Secretary be instructed to have prepared, under the direction of the Medical Committee, a manual of instruction to its agents, concerning the duties of company officers, surgeons, quartermasters, and commissaries, relating to the supply of articles to enlisted men which the Commission is most frequently called upon to furnish, and to the claims of the soldiers upon the Government for all articles of necessity, and the methods of securing their rights.

The General Secretary read an abstract of the minutes of the Standing Committee since the quarterly meeting in October, 1864.

The applications of John Daniels and Jacob Berryman for reimbursement for money taken from them by "Moseby's men," in October, 1864, while on their way from Harper's Ferry to

Martinsburg, in the discharge of their duty, were presented by the General Secretary.

Voted, that Daniels be paid $27, and Berryman $15, being one-half of the sums of which they were respectively robbed.

Voted, that the Commission is not bound to indemnify its agents for loss of money while in its service, or for the loss of property not necessary for the performance of the duty in which such agents may be engaged at the time, and that this regulation be promulgated by the General Secretary.

At 10 o'clock, p. m., adjourned to 10, a. m., on the 11th instant.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Judge Skinner, Mr. McCagg, Members of the Commission; Dr. B. A. Gould, Mr. J. Warner Johnson, and Dr. Joseph Parrish, Associate Members; and Miss M. C. Stevenson, Delegate from the N. E. W. A. Association of Boston, and Miss L. L. Schuyler, Delegate from the W. C. A. R. of New York.

The President read correspondence with the State Department concerning the circulation in Europe of the Commission's report on the condition of Union soldiers held in rebel prisons.

The President read a communication from C. H. Barkly, of Louisville, Kentucky, concerning a proposed effort to ascertain the time and place of death and burial of Union soldiers who have been confined in rebel prisons.

The General Secretary read, as bearing on this subject, the report of Mr. J. C. Hoblitt, relief agent for the Commission with the army of Georgia, during its recent march across the State.

Mr. Stillé read the report of Mr. R. M. Lewis to the Philadelphia Associates of the Commission, concerning the work conducted by them during the current year.

The General Secretary read his quarterly report and reports from other officers of the Commission, viz:

Quarterly report of Mr. F. N. Knapp, Superintendent of Special Relief.

Quarterly report of Mr. Wm. A. Hovey, Assistant Secretary, concerning relief work for the quarter.

Quarterly report of Mr. J. B. Abbott, Chief Assistant in the Department of Special Relief.

Quarterly report of Mr. J. B. Clark, Superintendent of the Home at Washington.

Annual report of Mr. J. B. Clark, Superintendent of the Home at Washington.

Quarterly report of Dr. Julius Nichols, Physician to the Home and Pension Examiner for the Commission.

Quarterly report of Mr. J. Y. Culyer, Chief Clerk of the Washington office.

Quarterly report of Mr. L. V. Beebe, Quartermaster of the Commission at Washington.

Quarterly report of Mr. C. F. Howes, Superintendent of the Commission's work at Annapolis, Maryland.

Voted, that the Associate Secretary for the West be authorized to repay to Hon. Mr. Harlan and Mrs. Harlan their expenses in canvassing the State of Iowa in behalf of the Commission.

At 2.30, p. m., adjourned to 7.30, p. m.

EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 7.30, p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Judge Skinner, Mr. E. B. McCagg, Members of the Commission; and Dr. B. A. Gould, J. Warner Johnson, and Dr. Joseph Parrish, Associate Members, and Miss M. C. Stevenson, from the N. E. W. A. Association of Boston, and Miss L. L. Schuyler, Delegate from the W. C. A. R. of New York.

The Treasurer read his report, showing a balance on hand on the 31st day of December, 1864, of $417,297 68.

Mr. McCagg and Mr. Binney were appointed an Auditing Committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The General Secretary read the report of Dr. A. McDonald, Inspector in charge at City Point; of Mr. F. B. Fay, Superintendent of the Auxiliary Relief Corps at the Depot Hospitals of the Armies of the Potomac and James; and of Mr. A. M. Sperry, Acting Superintendent of the same Corps, and the quarterly report of Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, Secretary of the Boston Associates of the Commission, concerning the Special Relief service of the Commission in Boston, and an abstract of that work from the 1st of April, 1863.

The General Secretary presented the quarterly report of Dr. B. A. Gould, Actuary of the Commission.

At 10.30, p. m., the Commission adjourned to Thursday, at 10, a. m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1865—MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, Judge Skinner, and Mr. McCagg, Members of the Commission, and Dr. B. A. Gould, J. Warner Johnson, and Dr. Joseph Parrish, Associate Members, and Miss M. C. Stevenson, Delegate from N. E. W. A. A. of Boston, and Miss L. L. Schuyler, Delegate from the W. C. A. R. of New York.

The General Secretary read the reports of Mr. J. Warner Johnson, Superintendent of the Field Relief Corps of the Armies before Richmond; of Mr. I. Harris, Assistant Superintendent; of Dr. N. C. Stevens, Inspector, and of Messrs. A. C. Edmunds and H. P. Sherman, Superintendents of the Relief Work at and near Fortress Monroe.

The General Secretary presented the quarterly report of Dr. Joseph Parrish, Editor of the Bulletin, and Superintendent of the Department of Canvassing and Supply at the East.

Voted, that the General Secretary be instructed to report promptly, by telegraph or otherwise, to the Associate Secretary at the West, to the President of the chief Branches of the Commission, and to leading newspapers at the great commercial centres of the country, all important events in the current history of the Commission.

Dr. Newberry, Associate Secretary for the West, rendered his quarterly report.

The Treasurer was authorized to deposit with Riggs & Co., $5,000 to the credit of the Washington office.

The General Secretary read the Financial report of E. W. Blatchford, Esq., Treasurer of the Northwestern Branch of the Commission, for the period from its organization, November, 1861, to December 31st, 1864.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until 7.30, p. m.

EVENING.

The Commission met at 7.30, p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Judge Skinner, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Mr. Stillé, and Mr. McCagg.

The General Secretary read a letter addressed to his Excellency Governor Andrew, of Mass., by a surgeon of the United States Army, concerning his estimate of the value of the Commission to the army.

The General Secretary read the quarterly report of Mr. John Bowne, Superintendent of the Hospital Directory at Washington, and of Mr. D. Forbes, Superintendent of the Army and Navy Claim Agency of the Commission.

Voted, that Mr. F. N. Knapp be appointed Superintendent of Special Relief.

Voted, that the Actuary be authorized to postpone the discussion of the returns of hospital statistics, now in his possession, during such period as he may think proper.

The General Secretary read a report of Mrs. Stephen Barker,

Hospital Visitor at Washington, D. C., concerning her work for the year 1864.

The President read a letter from Col. Francis Lippitt, offering to give popular lectures in behalf of the Commission. The President was requested to communicate to Col. Lippitt the usage of the Commission regarding similar offers.

The Auditing Committee on the Treasurer's account reported that they had caused the footings of the account to be examined by an accountant, that they find them correct, that they have examined the vouchers and find them to correspond with the Treasurer's entries, and that the books show the balance in the treasury on the 31st day of December to be $417,297 68.

The Rev. W. T. Gibson, of Utica, N. Y., and Richard Walsh, Esq., of Yonkers, N. Y., were elected Associate Members of the Commission.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission met at 10, a. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Judge Skinner, Mr. Binney, Mr. Strong, Mr. Stillé, and Mr. McCagg, Members of the Commission, and Dr. Joseph Parrish and Dr. B. A. Gould, Associate Members.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board, the average expenses of the work of the Commission for the next three months should not exceed $150,000 per month, and the General Secretary is duly instructed to organize the work accordingly.

At 10.30, a. m., the Commission adjourned to meet at Washington on the second Tuesday of April, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1865.

The Commission assembled at 244 F street, at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; George T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. C. R. Agnew, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Horace Binney, Jr., Esq., and C. J. Stillé, Esq., Members of the Commission; and Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. A. Association, and Misses L. L. Schuyler and C. Nash, Delegates from the W. C. A. R. of New York.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Messrs. Binney, Bellows, and Newberry, be appointed to prepare and report to the Board a plan of action to be taken by the Commission in expressing its sense upon the occasion of the death of the President of the United States.

Voted, that the Commission call upon the President of the United States, and also upon Mr. Seward, and express the sympathy of the Commission for him in his recent affliction.

The Treasurer read his quarterly report, showing a balance in treasury on the 1st of April, $602,902 48.

Dr. Agnew read a report of his visit to Wilmington, N. C., in March, and of the care bestowed by the Commission upon our returned prisoners at that point.

Voted, that the General Secretary be directed to have prepared and printed a record of the evidence of the condition, organization, and amount of supplies of the rebel hospitals at Richmond, Virginia.

At 10.45, p. m., the Commission adjourned to meet at 8, p. m., on the 19th inst.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1865—EVENING.

The Commission met at 8, p. m.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Binney, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Harris, and Mr. Strong, Members of the Commission, and Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford, Associate Member, and Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. A. A. of Boston, and Misses L. L. Schuyler and C. Nash, Delegates from the W. C. A. R. of New York.

The General Secretary made a verbal report of the Commissions work during the quarter ending April 1st, and read the quarterly report of Dr. McDonald, Inspector for the Commission with the armies operating against Richmond, and of Mr. A. M. Sperry, Superintendent of the Relief Corps at the Depot Hospitals at City Point and Point of Rocks, Va.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to instruct Dr. McDonald to furnish precise statements as to the losses incurred by sending goods to City Point by means of Government transports.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be authorized, in his discretion, to increase the salary of relief and other agents, after three months of continuous and meritorious service, subject to the approval of the Board or Standing Committee.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Strong, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Agnew, and Mr. Stillé, Members of the Commission; Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. A. A. of Boston, and Misses L. L. Schuyler and C. Nash, Delegates from the W. C. A. of R. of New York, and Rev. Thomas Hill, D.D., Jno. S. Blatchford, Esq., and Robert H. McCurdy, Esq., Associate Members.

The General Secretary presented several reports concerning the current work of the Commission for the quarter ending April 1st.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to subscribe for fifty copies of the "Soldiers' Journal," published by Miss Bradley at the Augur General Hospital, for the ensuing six months, as a testimony of the value of her services and the excellence and usefulness of her paper.

Resolved, That the rendering of aid and the issuing of supplies to the inhabitants of rebel towns and cities, when occupied by the national army, is no part of the legitimate work of the Commission, and that such relief is to be extended only to loyal citizens, or to such as shall have taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, and then in cases of absolute necessity or the preservation of life during such short period as may elapse between the occupation of such town or city and the establishment of the Government system of supply, and only when such relief can be extended without prejudice to the national army hospitals.

Resolved, That Dr. Harris, Dr. Newberry, and Dr. Gibbs be a committee to meet Dr. Langer, and examine the claims of his patent stretcher and ambulance, at 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That our agents be instructed, when speaking of the public enemy in their official correspondence with their superior officers of the Commission, to designate them, not as Confederates, but as rebels.

Ordered, that Mr. Hammer, agent of the Commission in the valley of the Shenandoah, having violated the orders of the Commission in taking charge of a money package which has been lost, be, and he is hereby, dismissed the service of the Commission: Provided, however, that if it shall appear to the General Secretary that the orders of the Commission on this subject had not been communicated to Mr. Hammer by Col. Muhlech, his immediate superior, then the said Col. Muhlech be, and he is hereby, dismissed, and Mr. Hammer retained in the service of the Commission.

Resolved, That the sum of $300, alleged to have been contained in the money package referred to in the foregoing reso-

lution, be refunded to Private Fort, on competent evidence being furnished that it contained that sum, and whenever either Col. Muhlech or Mr. Hammer shall have been actually dismissed the service of the Commission.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to give notice of the action of the Commission on this subject by the first of the two last preceding resolutions to all inspectors and agents of the Commission.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Messrs. Binney and Strong, and the General Secretary, be appointed to examine and report upon the rules and usages existing under our Pension, Back Pay and Bounty system, in regard to the handling of money by the agents of the Commission.

Resolved, That all money or valuables left in charge of the agents of the Sanitary Commission in the field is at the risk of the person leaving it, and no receipt will be given for it, and no responsibility assumed for its safe delivery.

Voted, that the report of Mr. Knapp, Superintendent of the Special Relief, be printed as a document of the Commission, with such additions as may be necessary to more fully complete the record concerning the special relief work of the rebel authorities.

Mr. Sperry, Superintendent, made a statement concerning the work and the wants of the Relief Corps at the Depot Hospitals with the armies before Richmond.

At 3 o'clock, the Commission adjourned to 8 o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1865—EVENING.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Strong, Dr. Newberry, Mr. Stillé, Dr. Harris, Dr. Gibbs, Mr. Binney, and Dr. Agnew, Members of the Commission, and Miss Abby W. May, Delegate from the N. E. W. A. Association of Boston, and Misses L. L. Schuyler and C. Nash, Delegates from the W. C. A. of R. of New York.

The General Secretary read the quarterly report of Dr. A. Gould, Actuary of the Commission.

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Dr. J. S. Newberry, Associate Secretary, made report of the work of the Commission in the Western Department for the quarter ending April 1st.

Voted, that $100 be appropriated for the purchase of the original record of deaths at the prison camp at Andersonville, Georgia.

Voted, that Dr. Newberry be requested to prepare his report for publication.

Whereas, the various Branches and Aid Societies, co-operating with the Commission, await instructions from the Commission as to their present and future duty: Therefore,

Resolved, That the President and General Secretary be requested to prepare an address to said Branches and Aid Societies, stating in substance, that although there is reason to hope for the speedy termination of the present war, such termination, even if immediate, would leave much to be done for the relief of the national forces in garrisons, and before they could be safely disbanded and the men re-established in the pursuits of civil life; that such garrisons, as a general rule, require more aid from the Commission than forces in the field, because more readily accessible; and that said Societies should therefore, in the opinion of this Commission, not abandon their work, but continue the same, with additional activity, in view of the prospect that it may soon gradually cease to be necessary.

At 10 o'clock, p. m., adjourned to meet at 10, a. m., on Friday, in executive session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock.

Present—Dr. Bellows, Mr. Strong, Mr. Binney, Dr. Newberry, Dr. Agnew, Dr. Harris, Dr. Gibbs, and Mr. Stillé.

Resolved, That Dr. E. Harris be added to the Medical Committee.

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Resolved, That the Standing Committee be instructed to

take steps for the preparation of a final report of the work of the Commission, and that the said Committee be authorized to call on members of the Commission for assistance therein, and to engage such other assistance as may be necessary.

Resolved, That the Sanitary Reporter and Sanitary Bulletin be, until further notice, published monthly.

The General Secretary presented the resignation of Mr. Bowne, Cashier, which was accepted with regret.

Voted, that the salary of Mr. Culyer, Assistant Secretary, be fixed at the rate of $2,200 per annum until further notice, at the pleasure of the Commission.

The General Secretary tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Dr. J. Foster Jenkins, the General Secretary of the Commission, the Sanitary Commission desire to express their perfect appreciation of his personal worth, and of his integrity, truthfulness of character, and devotion to the interests of the Commission.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Jno. S. Blatchford was unanimously elected General Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Strong, it was

Resolved, That the salary of Dr. J. Foster Jenkins, as General Secretary of the Commission, be continued till the 1st day of October next.

On motion, the President was appointed a committee to communicate to Mr. Blatchford the action of the Board, and ascertain his acceptance or declination of the office of General Secretary.

The Board adjourned temporarily to await the return of Dr. Bellows.

At 1, p. m., the President returned, and announced Mr. Blatchford's acceptance of the office of General Secretary.

Resolved, That in view of Mr. Blatchford's acceptance of the office of General Secretary of the Commission, the Board hereby request Dr. Jenkins to continue to perform the duties of the office until Mr. Blatchford is prepared to enter upon the duties of his office.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the

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Treasurer report that they have examined the accounts from January 1st to April 1st, 1865; carefully compared the same with the vouchers, and find them to be correct. Also that they have caused the additions in the Treasurer's report to be revised by a clerk in the statistical department, and that the same are reported to be correct.

WOLCOTT GIBBS,
J. S. NEWBERRY.

Mr. H. Binney, Jr., on behalf of the Committee appointed on the 18th inst., to report a plan of action to be taken by the Commission in expressing its sense upon the occasion of the death of the President of the United States, presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on motion, unanimously adopted by the Board:

The infamous and cruel hand of a conspirator and assassin has stricken down the beloved and honored head of the nation.

The members of the United States Sanitary Commission desire to relieve their own hearts in adding their tribute to that of the whole people to the memory of the man and the Chief Magistrate whom we have lost.

If it be possible for us to love and honor Abraham Lincoln, more than we did when living, we do so now.

We lose him when we need, more than ever, his true head and wise heart. Our loss is one which we cannot adequately measure, and our grief such as we feel unable to express.

The nation mourns as it has never mourned since the death of Washington, and the Inaugural of our twice-chosen President, of which the echos still linger in our ears, becomes a second Farewell Address, which will hold its place forever with the first in the hearts of the American people.

In common with various associations of our fellow-citizens, the Sanitary Commission mourns a true friend and faithful protector. His sagacity at once adopted the scheme of the Commission when it was first planned, and he gave it his official approval—an act of inestimable value to us, and, as we think, of the greatest benefit to the country. His protection and coun-

tenance were continued to the close of his life, and his personal visit to the great Central Fair, held for the benefit of the Commission in Philadelphia in June last, is but one instance of his deep interest in its success.

Desiring to record an expression of our respect, affection, and gratitude for our friend, protector, and benefactor, we adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the United States Sanitary Commission honor, and will ever honor, and cherish the name of Abraham Lincoln, the nation's twice-chosen President, as that of a true and unselfish patriot, a wise and sagacious administrator of the Government, and a loving friend and protector of the people, whose simplicity of character, soundness of judgment, firmness of purpose, and undoubting faith in God, deserve and will be held in everlasting remembrance.

Resolved, That the United States Sanitary Commission, called into existence under the official approval of President Lincoln at the outbreak of the rebellion, to supplement the military power of the nation by organizing the intelligence and sympathy of the country in its behalf, hereby records its deep gratitude for the approval and aid which he gave and continued to the hour of his death.

He encouraged the Commission in its first appeal "to the Loyal Woman of America," and the following words which he then used will be recalled as the most valuable praise the Commission has ever received:

"The Sanitary Commission is doing a work of great humanity, and of direct practical value to the nation in this time of its trial. It is entitled to the gratitude and the confidence of the people, and I trust it will be generously supported. There is no agency through which voluntary offerings of patriotism can be more effectively made.

"A. LINCOLN."

This great and good President has now passed beyond the reach of our praise, but we give thanks to God for the good example of one who, in his high office, never forgot the sick and suffering soldier of the Union, and we rejoice that he was permitted to see the dawn of the nation's triumphs before he

was called to his removal. Our earnest prayer and hope will be that his mantle may have fallen upon his successor.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be published in the Sanitary Bulletin, the Sanitary Reporter, and the principal journals of the country.

On motion, the Board adjourned to 8, p. m., this evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1865—EVENING.

Commission convened at 8 o'clock.

Present—Rev. Dr. Bellows, President, Mr. Binney, Mr. Stillé, Mr. Strong, Dr. Newberry, Prof. Gibbs, and Dr. Harris.

Resolved, That the increase of Mr. Culyer's salary, ordered at the morning session, commence on the first day of the present month.

Messrs. Binney and Strong, from the committee appointed on the 20th ult., presented the following resolutions for adoption; which were, on motion, adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That the following notice be posted conspicuously and in large type and in every office, agency, and relief station of the Commission:

"All money, valuables, or property of any description left in charge of any agent of the Commission, are at the risk of the owner or the person leaving the same, and the Commission assumes no responsibly for its safe custody or delivery."

Resolved, That every applicant for aid from the Pension, Back Pay, and Bounty Department of the Commission sign the following memorandum at the time he places his case in the hands of the Department, viz:

"*Memorandum.*—It is expressly understood and agreed that the U. S. Sanitary Commission assumes no agency or responsibility in regard to the claim of on the Government of the United States for beyond the obtaining and forwarding to said claimant, at a check or order on the proper officer of Government for the amount due him by virtue of such claim. That the Commission

does not assume the collection of such check or order, or its conversion into money, and that any arrangement made between said claimant and any officer or agent of the Commission for the collection thereof, or the transmission of its proceeds, is wholly at the risk of said claimant, and must, moreover, be wholly gratuitous, and without compensation, direct or indirect, to such officer or agent."

On motion, the General-Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the above resolutions to Mr. Darius Forbes, and to have the notices printed and posted as required in the first resolution.

The President and a delegation of the Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Mr. G. T. Strong, Horace Binney, Jr., Esq., and C. J. Stillé, Esq., by permission called on President Johnson, at 4 p. m., April 20, and presented him the respects of the Board and their congratulations upon his accession to the office of Chief Magistracy. They conveyed to him their condolence on the bereavement the country has sustained in the decease of the late lamented President, whose constant support and favor they had experienced during the whole of his administration, and asked the continuance of the Government's countenance of their labors under his presidency. The President avowed his deep sense of the usefulness of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, and the obligations of the Government to it for its long and faithful services; expressed his readiness to do all in his power to advance and sustain its good work, and begged the delegation to convey to each and every member of the Board his gratitude for their good will toward himself and the administration, and his warm expression of sympathy for their important labors. After some general conversation, leaving the most favorable impressions of the seriousness, good sense, and patriotic zeal of the President, the delegation withdrew with profound satisfaction at the interview.

The above record was ordered to be entered upon the public minutes of the session.

The Committee appointed to examine the ambulance furniture and surgical appliances of Dr. Ignatius Langer's invention beg leave to report to the Sanitary Commission that they have inspected the following articles:

1. A triple inclined plane bed or hammock, designed to give an easy and secure position to the patients with fractures of the thigh or lower extremities, or suffering from other serious wounds of the extremities of the body. The apparatus is neatly and securely adjustable, and at the same time so arranged as to serve the purposes of a splint to any portion of the thigh or leg.

The Committee believes that this piece of apparatus is worthy of careful trial by the Military Surgeons.

2. An ordinary four-wheeled ambulance was inspected, in which two of the fracture beds last described may be suspended and secured, and in which two other beds may be carried, thus accomodating four badly wounded men in beds, while three other patients are comfortably seated.

These fixtures seem to be worthy of trial. At the same time there appears to be some opportunity for somewhat simplifying the arrangement of the different parts, and for giving to all portions a greater degree of security and ease of adjustment.

3. The Committee next examined a common army wagon, in which twelve persons may be transported, in a recumbent posture, or an equal number in a sitting posture, the beds being transformed into seats without removing them.

Certain points in the fixture of this wagon are ingenious, and bid fair to be of practical value. The fracture bed that is provided in the wagon is particularly worthy of attention on account of its great simplicity, and the facility with which it may be prepared at any time, and in almost any place, either with iron or wood.

The value of these and all similar fixtures may be estimated by their simplicity and readiness of adjustment. Dr. Langer's improved appliances, estimated by such a standard and by their apparent adaptation, are worthy of commendation and faithful trial.

J. S. NEWBERRY,
WOLCOTT GIBBS,
ELISHA HARRIS,
Committee.

Resolved, That Mr. Strong and Dr. Newberry are requested to visit Richmond, and examine into the work of the Sanitary Commission.

Resolved, That Dr. Harris is requested to prepare catalogues of works on hygienic and other medical subjects that are needed by the Medical Committee, and that the Standing Committee authorize Dr. Harris to procure all such books.

Resolved, That as many of the members of the Sanitary Commission as conveniently can do so are recommended to visit the Western field of the Commission's work.

On motion, the Commission adjourned *sine die*, to meet at the call of the President of the Board.

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 244 F street, Washington, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D.D., President; Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, and C. R. Agnew, M. D.

The resignation of Judge Skinner and E. B. McCagg, Esq., as members of the Board, being offered,

Resolved, That the Board request these gentlemen to withdraw their resignations, it being the earnest desire of the Board to keep its roll complete to the rapidly approaching close of the labors of the Commission.

The Treasurer presented his report of the receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending July 1, 1865, exhibiting a balance in the treasury on that date of $251,917 16.

Voted, that Messrs. Binney and Stillé be appointed a committe to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The Treasurer presented the following report of the Auxiliary Finance Committee:

On the 22d March, 1864, the Sanitary Commission resolved to ask the aid and co-operation of an Auxiliary Finance Committee, to be composed of gentlemen of the highest position and standing, on whose advice it could depend in any questions that might arise as to the best management of its funds.

It was thought desirable that this Committee should also be requested, from time to time, to pass upon and examine the accounts and vouchers of its Treasurer. These have been audited and examined by committees appointed by the Commission, and consisting of its own members, at intervals of not

less than three months, ever since the Commission was appointed in June, 1861, and have been found correct. But the amount confided to the Commission by the people has been so large, and the responsibility thus imposed on it so heavy, that a thorough investigation of its expenditures by gentlemen not belonging to its own body seemed expedient for the protection of the Commission and the satisfaction of the public.

Messrs. A. A. Low, Jonathan Sturges, and John Jacob Astor, Jr., having consented to act as such Auxiliary Finance Committee, all the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Treasurer, from June 26, 1861, the date of the first entry they contain, (including those of the Washington and Louisville offices,) were laid before this Committee. It proceeded to engage the services of a professional accountant, and on the 30th May, 1865, reported the result of its examination down to January, 1865.

The report of the committee and of its accountant are as follows:

NEW YORK, May 30, 1865.

GEO. T. STRONG, ESQ.,
Treasurer:

DEAR SIR: We hereby certify that Mr. James M. Halsey, Teller of the Seamen's Savings Bank, was selected and appointed by us to examine into the books and accounts of the Sanitary Commission, and after many months devoted to this work, more or less continuously, the accompanying certificate shows the result of his examination.

His name is appended to a statement of receipts and disbursements from June 26, 1861, to January 1, 1865, sent herewith, the aggregate being $3,470,587 94.

Respectfully, yours,

(Signed,)

J. J. ASTOR, JR.,
A. A. LOW,
JON'N STURGES.

78 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, July 20, 1864.

Messrs. A. A. LOW, Esq.,
JONATHAN STURGES, Esq.,
J. J. ASTOR, JR., Esq.

GENTLEMEN:

I have to report (pursuant to your instructions) that the accounts of the Treasurer of the U. S. Sanitary Commission have been carefully examined, and that I find them *correct*, in all particulars.

The examination included the Bank accounts kept by the Treasurer, and I find vouchers returned for the same, correct both as to *date* and amount.

Herewith I hand you a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Commission from June 26, 1861, to May 1, 1864, showing a balance of cash on hand of $394,598 62, which I find to have been the balance on the bank-books at that date.

Any further information you may wish in regard to the accounts, I shall be pleased to furnish, with the assistance of the Assistant Secretary, (Mr. B. Collins,) at any time when required.

Respectfully yours,

JAS. M. HALSEY.

NEW YORK, March 30, 1865.

Messrs. A. A. LOW, Esq.,
JONATHAN STURGES, Esq.,
J. J. ASTOR, JR., Esq.,
} *Committee.*

GENTLEMEN: Herewith I hand you my report of the operations of the U. S. Sanitary Commission from June, 1861, to January, 1865.

Upon a careful examination of the books, I find vouchers for all disbursements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the enclosed account is correct in every particular.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

JAS. M. HALSEY.

The same Committee has been requested to continue its examination from 1st January, 1865, until the affairs of the Commission shall be finally wound up. The result of such future examination will be duly laid before the public.

The appointment of Geo. J. Sicard, Esq., as Assistant Secretary, was confirmed; said appointment to date from May 1, 1865.

The General Secretary presented a correspondence with Major General Howard, Commanding "Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen," &c., concerning the establishment of agencies in the Southern States, for the adjustment of claims arising among the colored soldiers, through the agency of the officers of this Bureau acting as the representatives of the Army and Navy Claim Agency of the Commission, and represented that most satisfactory arrangements had been effected for the accomplishment of this object, with but nominal expense to the Commission, and in entire accordance with this system.

The Commission desire to acknowledge the prompt and cordial co-operation of Major General O. O. Howard with their plans and wishes in this direction.

The General Secretary presented a Report of Dr. Benedict concerning the condition of Augur U. S. General Hospital, as unfavorable to the recovery of patients, and his action upon the same; also, a Report concerning the physical condition of the troops now in this Department, as related to the necessity for a continuance of the relief service of the Commission.

The General Secretary presented the Report of Francis Fowler, Assistant Secretary, concerning the work of the Hospital Directory for the quarter ending June 30, 1865, exhibiting increased efficiency.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Commission are due to Col. Samuel Breck, Assistant Adjutant General in this Department, for his uniform and prompt assistance in matters in which the Central Office of the Commission has sought information and aid from him, in the conduct of the work of the Hospital Directory, which owes much of its late increased efficacy to his efficient and ready sympathy and co-operation.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7.30, p. m.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1865—EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 7.30 p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., C. R. Agnew, M. D.

The General Secretary presented the following Reports:

A—Inventory of property belonging to the Commission, in the Department of Washington, July 10, 1865.

B—Report of Geo. J. Sicard, Assistant Secretary, relating to the Bureau of accounts, for the quarter ending June 30, 1865, accompanied by the following exhibits:

(*a*)—Statement showing aggregate expenditure of all the offices of the Commission for the months of April and May, 1865, and also a detailed statement of expenditure of each office of the Commission, arranged by months, for the quarter ending June 30, 1865.

(*b*)—Statement showing the number of employees in the several departments at the Central Office of the Commission for the successive months of the quarter ending June 30; and also a general exhibit, for the same period, of the number of employees in every department of the Commission's work.

(*c*)—Statement showing the amount of proceeds realized from the sale of property belonging to the Commission at Annapolis, City Point, and Washington, during the months of May and June, 1865.

C—Report of F. Browning relating to the "Archive Department," and the work prosecuted under his direction from March 25 to June 30, 1865.

D—Report of James J. Brooks concerning the Document Bureau, July 5, 1865.

E—Report of James J. Brooks concerning the newspaper files belonging to the archives of the Commission.

F—Report of B. A. Gould concerning the Statistical Bureau, for the quarter ending June 30, 1865.

F. N. Knapp, Superintendent of Special Relief, presented his report concerning the Special Relief Service of the Com-

mission, for the quarter ending June 30, 1865, accompanied with the following reports :

I.—Report of J. B. Abbott, Chief Assistant of Special Relief.

II.—Report of J. B. Clark, Superintendent of "The Home," Washington, D. C.

III.—Report of "Hospital Car Couriers."

IV.—Report of J. B. Abbott, concerning Special Relief in Baltimore.

V.—Report of the Executive Committee of Boston Associates, concerning the Special Relief Service of the Commission in Boston for the quarter ending June 30, 1865.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Knapp's report be printed.

Voted, that Mr. Lewis, General Superintendent, be requested to cause monthly returns, in the usual form, to be made to the Central office, concerning the "Special Relief Service," and the work of the "Protective War Claim and Pension Agency" of the Commision, as administered under the direction of the Executive Committee of Philadelphia Associates in that city, and that such returns be made to embrace the results of the past work of the Commission in each of said departments.

Voted, that it be referred to the Standing Committee, with power, to prepare a complete list of Associate Members of the Commission.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10, a. m., on Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President, Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer, C. R. Agnew, M. D., Horace Binney, jr., Esq., and C. J. Stillé, Esq.

The General Secretary presented late advices from the "Department of the Gulf."

Voted, that Dr. Blake be instructed, in closing the work of the Commission in said Department, to place the equipment of the "Soldiers' Home," hitherto conducted under the auspices of the Commission, at the disposal of the Government, for such continued and similar use as may be practicable, taking a receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to present, in the name and with the thanks of the Commission, to each of the gentlemen who have prepared the Monographs on Medical and Surgical subjects, a copy of the book recently published by the Commission, containing a complete collection of these Monographs, and also the Monograph "letter T," not included in that volume.

The following resolutions were submitted and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the present financial condition of the Sanitary Commission, and the termination of the emergency that rendered its existence necessary, make it expedient and essential that its operations be brought to a close with all convenient speed.

Resolved, That the offices of General Secretary, Associate Secretary, Superintendent of Special Relief, and Assistant Treasurer, be continued during the pleasnre of the Board, as heretofore; and that those officers be instructed severally to take steps to reduce the roster and pay-roll of the Commission as rapidly as may be consistent with the economical and orderly winding up of its affairs.

Resolved, That the Branch Treasuries be requested to pay over to the Central Treasury, on or before the 1st day of August, all moneys in their hands, recognized by them as belonging to the U. S. Sanitary Commission.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be directed to make a full, consolidated account of all supplies belonging to the Commission, and not yet given out or on their way to distributing agents, and report at the earliest day to the Standing Committee, with an estimate of their proximate value.

Resolved, That from this date, no supplies for Hospital or Army relief, shall be purchased with the funds of the Commission—the distribution being strictly confined to articles on

hand; except that the services of, and necessary purchase of supplies for the Hospital Visitors, may be continued at the discretion of the General Secretary in the Department of Washington.

Resolved, That the active business of the U. S. Sanitary Commission close finally on the 1st day of October next, after which all salaries and all distribution shall cease; and all Homes and offices be closed, except so far as unfinished business may require a small number of clerks and an office in Washington, New York, and Louisville, each, to continue.

Resolved, That the Pension and Claim Agencies be directed to receive no claims after October 1st, and that the General Secretary give ample notice of this order, and that these offices be consolidated after that date into the fewest number, and instructed to close up their affairs as rapidly as possible.

Resolved, That Dr. Gould be directed to bring the concerns of the Statistical Bureau, so far as collecting materials and employing agents and clerks are concerned, to a conclusion on the 1st day of October, after which only such moderate force will be employed as may be necessary to prepare the results of the Statistical Bureau for publication.

Resolved, That the Branches of the Commission be requested —a special messenger visiting them for this purpose—to furnish us a full report of their work and a careful list of their archives, and to send these books and papers to the Central Office for permanent preservation, as soon as they have no further need of them.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to address a circular to all Branches and Aid Societies, asking them to report what amount of money, in addition to any sums contributed by them in money to the Central Treasury, they have severally raised for the prosecution of their work, in order that the aggregate of such amounts and the magnitude of the work done by the people during the war may be made matter of record in the final report of the Commission; and that each copy of said circular be accompaied by a blank form of answer, and a stamped envelope.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to proceed to sell at public auction, (whenever in his judgment such

mode of sale will not be, for special reasons, disadvantageous to the Commission,) all wagons, horses, furniture, and other property of the Commission, as the same shall from time to time become no longer necessary for the service of the Commission.

Resolved, That all claims against the Sanitary Commission be extensively advertised for, under the direction of the General Secretary, and be settled at the earliest moment, so that no outstanding claims may embarrass the Treasury at the close of our work, and after the exhaustion of our funds.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to make a report, of classified expenditures, fitted to satisfy public expectation, at as early a day as he may find it convenient.

Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to take such measures as may in his judgment be advisable to secure the documents, records, and archives of the Commission against loss or damage by fire, and render them accessible in preparing the history of the Commission.

Resolved, That the Medical Committee have authority to prepare and publish the Medical and Hygienic History of the War, upon which they are engaged, at the earliest possible time, and that active inquires in that field cease after October 1.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be instructed to employ such literary and clerical assistance as they may think necessary in preparing and publishing a final History of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, at any expense, in their judgment, necessary to make a useful and dignified record of the work which the American People have done through them.

Mr. Binney presented an application from the "Union Volunteer Refreshment Saloon" of Philadelphia, for an appropriation of money for the continued prosecution of their work.

Referred to Messrs. Binney and Stillé, with power.

Dr. Agnew made a statement concerning the present work and administration of the "Lincoln Home," in New York.

Voted, that the General Secretary be authorized to distribute among the "Freedmen" and the families of colored soldiers in this Department, most needing aid, such second-hand bedding, clothing, and other supplies as may be returned to the storehouse of the Commission from Hospitals or other sources,

the same having once been accounted for among the issues of the Commission, and served its purpose to the soldier for whom it was originally designed, and being of little marketable value, and not wanted for the uses of the Commission.

The Report of Darius Forbes concerning, the "Army and Navy Claim Agency" Bureau, for the quarter ending June 30, 1865, was presented.

Also a communication from Mr. Forbes relating to an increase of salary; which on motion, was referred to the General Secretary, with power.

The Commission adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock, p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Commission assembled at 8 p. m.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President, Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer, H. Binney, Jr., and C. J. Stillé, Esq.

An application was presented on behalf of Miss Clara Barton for pecuniary aid in the prosecution of her work of procuring information concerning missing soldiers; which, on motion, was referred to the General Secretary for further inquiry, and to report to the Standing Committee.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of George T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, from April 1 to July 1, 1865, respectfully report, that they have examined the same and find them duly vouched, and that having employed Mr. Charles G. Lathrop, Cashier at the Central Office of the Commission, to verify the additions and calculations of the Treasurer, they report the same upon his certificate as correct. The balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands on the first day of July, 1865, was two hundred and fifty-one thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars and sixteen cents, ($251,917 16.)

Respectfully submitted.

C. J. STILLE.

HORACE BINNEY, Jr.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Sanitary Commission, about to close the labors which it has pursued during the last four years for the relief of the national forces, desires to record the sincere expression of its deep gratitude to Major General Meigs, Quartermaster General of the United States Army, not only for his unvaried kindness shown to the Commission, but for the invaluable services rendered to it by his effective co-operation during the whole period of its labors. The same spirit of intelligent and patriotic co-operation with the Commission, inspired by him, has pervaded constantly his whole Department; and we desire to tender to all its officers our grateful thanks for the services which they have rendered to us, and through us to the armies of our re-established Republic.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate to Major General Meigs a copy of the foregoing resolution.

The General Secretary reported the number of troops in field and hospital in the Department of Washington at this date.

The General Secretary presented a memorandum of plan for collecting material for a final history of the work of the Commission; which on motion, was referred to the General Secretary, to be transmitted to the Standing Committee.

Voted, that in the absence of other members of the Standing Committee during the summer months, Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, be authorized to pass all necessary bills, and to draw checks to meet the current expenses of the Commission.

On motion,

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of the Commission are due to Mr. Russell Nevens Bellows for his energetic, gratuitous, and successful labors in California, during the year past, in the interest of the Sanitary Commission, and that the General Secretary be requested to communicate to Mr. Bellows a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That this Board have heard, with great gratification, of the return to his native land of their respected and beloved Vice President, Prof. A. D. Bache, and that with a lively memory of his faithful and valuable services to the Commission, and his ever courteous and kindly intercourse with his associates, they rejoice that they may encourage the expecta-

tion of seeing him again in their councils, and of enjoying his sympathy in the gratifying close to which they are bringing the work of the Board and the Commission.

Resolved, That this resolution be communicated to Prof. Bache by the President of the Board.

Resolved, That the Board tender to their fellow Commissioner, Mr. J. Huntington Wolcott, their sincere and affectionate sympathy in the recent bereavement which has afflicted him, and which deprives them of his valued co-operation at the present meeting of the Commission.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Standing Committee, with power, to determine with reference to the preparation of a suitable testimonial, to be issued in limited number, in acknowledgment of distinguished services rendered the Commission.

Voted, that the next meeting of the Commission be held on Tuesday, the third day of October next, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Commission adjourned at 11 o'clock p. m.

U. S. Sanitary Commission.

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at No. 21 West 12th Street, New York, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs; Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, and Dr. Elisha Harris, members of the Board; and Dr. B. A. Gould, associate member.

The Treasurer presented his report of receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending September 30, 1865. Also, a resumé of the total receipts and disbursements of the Commission to this date.

Voted, That Messrs. Binney and Gibbs be appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That the President be authorized to address the Secretary of War, and subsequently, if necessary, the President, concerning the continued prosecution of the work of the Statistical Bureau of the Commission, at present suspended, in the office of the Adjutant General at Washington.

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) per month, until otherwise ordered by the Standing Committee, be appropriated for the relief of the families of disabled soldiers in the City of New York, to be applied through the agency of the "Society for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor."

Voted, That a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500) be appropriated for the procurement of physical examinations by the Statistical Bureau of three regiments at New Orleans, whose measurements are desired by Dr. Harris.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be placed in the hands of the General Secretary, subject to the order of the President, for the relief, in small amounts, of the claims of distressed soldiers and sailors, made directly to him, in virtue of his office.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1865—EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, C. J. Stillé, Esq., Dr. Elisha Harris, and Dr. C. R. Agnew, members of the Board; and Dr. B. A Gould, associate member.

The following communication was submitted from Mr. James M. Halsey, appointed by the "Auxiliary Finance Committee"—consisting of Messrs. J. J. Astor, Jr., A. A. Low, and Jonathan Sturges—to examine the books and accounts of the Sanitary Commission:

NEW YORK, Nov. 7, 1865.

B. COLLINS, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR—Upon a careful examination of the Cash, Bank and Check Books of Geo. T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, I find the same correct in every particular.

Good and sufficient vouchers were produced for all expenditure. I also find that all money received had been deposited in bank to the credit of the Commission.

Respectfully yours,

JAS. M. HALSEY.

Mr. Benj. Collins tendered his resignation, accompanied with the following note:

NEW YORK, Nov. 6, 1865.

REV. H. W. BELLOWS,
President U. S. Sanitary Commission:

DEAR SIR—With this you will find my formal resignation.

I entered the Commission as a volunteer nurse the last of April, 1862. From that time to this my service has been continuous, with but one furlough of one week. I have remained with the Commission until this time, because I knew of no other way in which I could be of so much use to the cause.

By reference to the minutes of the session of the Commission, held October, 1864, you will find that my salary was increased to $2,500 per annum. As this was done against my express wishes, I have never drawn but $150 per month, or at the rate of $1,800 per annum. I believe that the mention of the salary in the minutes of October, 1864, was an oversight, which should be corrected. I prefer that my salary should stand recorded at $1,800 per annum, instead of $2,500.

I know that I have been considered harsh in my judgments, and prone to censure, but it should be remembered that it was my duty to examine bills and accounts, and to call attention to such as I did not think correct. If, in this, I had not been truthful and honest, I would have been worse than useless to the Commission. I only fear that my dislike to find fault has made me err on the other side.

To the Standing Committee, I feel under many obligations. They have my best wishes for a speedy and successful termination of their labors.

Respectfully yours,

BENJ. COLLINS.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Benj. Collins, Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, the Commission feels bound to put on record its appreciation of the vigilance, fidelity, and disinterestedness with which he has devoted himself to its work since the first year of the war, when he entered its service in a subordinate capacity—and to express the conviction that the ability and integrity displayed by him while laboring for the national cause on the staff of the Commission, will prove equally effective when

directed to his personal interests, in promoting his prosperity and happiness.

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr. Collins.

Dr. B. A. Gould presented his Report concerning the work of the Statistical Bureau for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1865.

Voted, That Dr. Gould's Report be printed for the use of members of the Commission.

Voted, That the Actuary be authorized to continue the collection of descriptions of soldiers, heights and ages of sailors, and loss and gain at the Adjutant General's Office at the State Capitals.

Resolved, That as the Commission is engaged in collecting sundry statistics relative to the soldiers engaged in suppressing the late rebellion, and the desired facilities for such collection have been afforded by all the Adjutant Generals of all the Northern States excepting Illinois, therefore, that the Adjutant General of Illinois be respectfully and earnestly requested to permit the Statistical Bureau of this Commission to gather such statistics from the archives of his office.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1865—MORNING.

The Commission assembled at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, C. J. Stillé, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, Dr. Elisha Harris, Dr. J. S. Newberry, members of the Board, and Dr. B. A. Gould, associate member.

Voted, That Mr. Stillé be added to the committee already appointed to audit the Treasurer's account.

Voted, That the letter of the President of this date, addressed to the Secretary of War, concerning the continued prosecution of the work of the "Statistical Bureau" of the

Commission in the Adjutant General's Department at Washington, is approved.

Voted, That it be referred to the General Secretary to distribute among the members of the Commission, such flags as have been used in its service and are now in its possession.

Resolved, That the volume entitled "The Sanitary Condition of New York" be adopted by the Commission as the standard for their proposed publication of the different volumes of its final record.

Resolved, That the President, with Mr. Strong and Mr. Stillé, be a committee to confer with the Historical Society of New York upon the permanent custody of the archives of the United States Sanitary Commission, with power to select that or such other place as in their judgment may prove most safe and satisfactory.

Voted, That the andrometers and other apparatus for physical examinations be finally deposited in New York, subject to the direction of the Standing Committee.

Voted, That the Actuary be requested to correspond with the Ethnological or some other learned Society relative to a continuance by them of physical measurements of the Indian races, and that he be authorized to place the necessary apparatus at their disposal for this purpose, if desirable.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1865—EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, President; George T. Strong, Treasurer; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs; Dr. Agnew; Dr. Van Buren; C. J. Stillé; Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark; Dr. Elisha Harris, and Dr. J. S. Newberry.

The General Secretary presented his Report for the quarterly period, ending Sept. 30, accompanied with the following papers:

A—List of articles turned over to Government at New Orleans for the use of sick and discharged soldiers, and receipted for by Lieut. Edward Ried, A. A. Q. M., Aug. 1, 1865.

B—Statement of account, Dr. Page, Department of North Carolina, Oct. 4, 1865.

C—Circular concerning termination of the "Supply Service" of the Commission, June 20, 1865.

D—Report of Mrs. Lydia J. Stull, Nov. 4, 1865.

E—Report of Capt. Isaac Harris, Chief Clerk, with accompanying papers, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*, *f*, *g*, *h*, *i*, and *j*.

F—Report of F. N. Knapp, Superintendent of Special Relief, Nov. 4, 1865, with accompanying papers:

(*a*)—Report of J. B. Abbott, Chief Assistant of Special Relief, Nov. 6, 1865.

(*b*)—Report of J. B. Clark, Superintendent of "Home," Oct. 12, 1865.

G—Circular concerning termination of the work of the Hospital Directory, Sept. 15, 1865.

H—Report of E. S. Brooke, concerning the Hospital Directory, Nov. 4, 1865.

I—Report of Dr. B. A. Gould, concerning the "Statistical Bureau" for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1865.

J—Report of Jas. J. Brooks on Contract System in Printing, Aug. 16, 1865.

K—Report of Jas. J. Brooks on comparative cost of Printing certain documents and papers, Sept. 4, 1865.

L—Report of Thos. Reddish, concerning Document Bureau, Nov. 1, 1865.

M—Report of W. F. Bascom, General Agent, concerning "Bureau of Pension Claims," Nov. 6, 1865, with accompanying papers.

N—Statement concerning "Bureau of Accounts" for six months, from April 1, 1865, to Sept. 30, 1865.

O—Statement concerning loss account of the Commission from May 22, 1863, to Oct. 1, 1865.

Additional papers submitted with the Report of the General Secretary:

I.—Report of Jas. M. Barnard, Esq., concerning the Special Relief Service of the Commission in Boston, Mass., for the quarterly period ending Sept. 30, 1865.

II.—Report of Alex. McDonald, M. D., concerning the work of the Commission with the U. S. forces in Texas, Nov. 5, 1865.

III.—Report of Jas. E. Thomas, concerning Relief Service of the Commission with the U. S. troops in Texas, Aug. 18, 1865.

IV.—Report of R. M. Lewis, Esq., concerning the "Special Relief Service," the "Hospital Directory," and the "Claim Agency" of the Commission in Philadelphia, Nov. 7, 1865.

V.—Report of Capt. Isaac Harris, concerning the work of the Commission in the department of the Armies of the Potomac and James for April, May, and June, 1865, with accompanying papers.

VI.—Account of sales of property of the Commission from Oct. 16 to Nov. 1, 1865, at New York.

VII.—Report of W. F. Bascom, General Agent, concerning the "Army and Navy Claim Agency" of the Commission for the month of October, 1865—Nov. 6. 1865.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Superintendent of Special Relief in regard to turning over to the War Department such money and papers, connected with the settlement of claims by the Special Relief Department, as may remain on hand at the close of this Bureau, be referred to the General Secretary, with power.

Resolved, That Mr. Knapp be authorized to issue to the officers of his Department such certificates of approval, to be signed by the officers of the Commission, as he may deem best.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *November* 8, 1865.

The Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of George T. Strong, Esq., Treasurer, from July 1, 1865, to Oct. 31, 1865, respectfully report:

That they have examined the same and find them duly vouched, and that having employed Mr. Samuel H. Stebbins, one of the Commission's employees, to verify the additions and calculations of the Treasurer, they report the same upon his certificate, as correct.

The balance of cash in the hands of the Treasurer on 31st of October, 1865, was two hundred and ninety-three thousand four hundred and forty-nine dollars and sixty-one cents, ($293,449 61.)

Respectfully submitted.

WOLCOTT GIBBS,
C. J. STILLÉ,
Committee.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1865—MORNING.

The Committee assembled at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; George T. Strong, Treasurer; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, C. J. Stillé, Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, and Dr. J. S. Newberry.

Voted, That the Standing Committee will meet the Executive Committee of the "Lincoln Home," at a time to be appointed, to confer with them concerning the interests of that establishment.

Resolved, That in order to secure as economical a prosecution of the Historical work of the Commission as possible, and in view of the importance of securing for its illustration without delay all the materials now accessible, but which the lapse of time may place beyond our reach, the Commission desires to express to the gentlemen connected with the various departments of the History, its conviction of the absolute

necessity of pushing forward their work to completion with the utmost vigor and energy.

Dr. Newberry presented a verbal report of the recent operations of the Commission in the Western Department.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee have power to take such steps as may in its judgment promote the improvement or the efficiency of the Medical and Surgical Bureau by legislation.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1865—EVENING.

The Commission assembled at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D., President; Geo. T. Strong, Treasurer; Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, Dr. C. R. Agnew, C. J. Stillé, Dr. Van Buren, Dr. J. S. Newberry, and Dr. Harris.

Voted, That the General Secretary be instructed to announce the termination of the "Special Relief Service" of the Commission.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to effect an arrangement with the Board of Associate Managers of the "Lincoln Home," whereby it shall become an independent and self-sustaining institution.

Voted, That the President be requested to prepare a Paper upon the subject of Provision for Disabled Soldiers.

On motion, the Commission adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

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